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INTRODUCTION

László Körmöczi

The basin of River Tisza and its main tributaries – river Szamos, river Körös, river Maros – play very important role in the life of the Great Hungarian Plain. Most of the human activities are coupled with the water regime of the rivers and of their larger surroundings. The rivers also determine the natural vegetation and fauna of several habitats and affect the crop and livestock.

The human activity of the last decades or even centuries transformed substantially the landscapes of the Great Hungarian Plain causing heavy fragmentation and degradation of natural habitats and as a consequence, the loss of substantial natural values. 2010's is the Decade of biodiversity that emphasizes the importance of increasing knowledge on the biota of the Earth, a minor portion of which is the river basin of the Plain.

Large amount of historical and recent data exists on the flora and vegetation types (phytocenoses) of the rivers and the floodplain, but rarely summarized in a comprehensive book (some monographs devote substantial chapters for vegetation description but only for certain areas of river basins, e.g. Hamar and Sárkány-Kiss 1995, 1999, Sárkány-Kiss and Hamar 1997, Tuba 2008). Authors of this monograph decided to collect and evaluate published and unpublished cenological data recorded from the characteristic plant communities of the target area, and to reveal the main rules and relationships in the patterns of the floodplain vegetation. We intended to enumerate all the plant associations in cenotaxonomic order that have been found in and affected by the surroundings of Tisza and its tributaries. In the evaluation, we followed the phytocenological nomenclature of Borhidi (2003).

The total length of the river Tisza section – and also of the river basin – is 596 km in the region of Hungary. This large strip runs through rather different floristic regions therefore the floristic composition of the vegetation units may also differ. On the basis of previous knowledge and the data gathered, the studied area was divided into three sections, as follows: 1. North-Eastern border—Tokaj, 2. Tokaj—Szolnok, 3. Szolnok—Southern border.

Authors of the following chapters intended to collect and evaluate as many recent and historical data as possible. The result of their effort, however, very diverse indicating rather uneven surveys of both phytocenoses and geographical regions. Nearly 1500 cenological relevés were treated from 34 associations. Distribution of the relevés among associations ranges from 10 to 90, but the extremes are one relevé for an association, and the other extreme 429 relevé for an association. This emphasizes the scientific interest regarding the floodplain oak

forests. Therefore the cumulative species list is significantly larger in the case of extensively studied communities.

The vegetation of the Tisza river basin was analysed on the basis of recent and historical, published or unpublished relevés available. Time span of the records is also rather wide, the earliest data came from the late 1940-ies. Two types of records were used in the analyses: cover estimation of the plant species was made on A-D scale mainly in the earlier relevés while in the more recent ones percentage cover estimations were applied. The two types were treated separately only in the multivariate analyses since the transformation of data is either ambiguous or causes information loss.

Authors of this book give general description of each community and the habitat conditions on the basis of literature data and their own survey results that is followed by detailed floristic and cenological evaluation of the association according to the river sections distinguished.

The evaluation of the associations is completed by multivariate analyses. Principal component analyses (PCA) were carried out on percentage cover and A-D scale data separately. PCA was based either on covariance (centred PCA) or correlation (standardized PCA). Different traits – species composition, dominant species or geographic position – of the study sites were superimposed on the PCA scattergram to reveal the background of the cluster formation.

Data from the following major groups of associations have been found in the territory of river Tisza. Eleven association groups and 30 associations are evaluated in this book:

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 - XI.2 *Galatello*–*Quercetum roboris* Zólyomi et Tallós 1967
- XII. Alder swamp woods – Alnetalia glutinosae
 - XII.1 *Fraxino pannonicae*–*Alnetum* (Soó & Járαι-Komlódi 1958)

In the second half of the book we summarize the known cenological data for each association, and distinguish the vegetation of each river section and, if available, that of the major tributaries. We also indicated separately A-D and percentage data.

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I. DUCKWEED COVERS – LEMNETALIA MINORIS

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General description

Species-poor communities forming cover mainly on still- or slowly flowing or sometimes temporary water bodies. Any of the character species can reach considerable cover value. The dynamics of the community is determined by the anatomical characters of the plants forming the association (Borhidi 2003).

I.1. *Salvinio-Spirodeletum* (Slavnic 1956)

Syn: *Lemneto-Utricularietum* cons. *Salvinia natans* Timár 1954 (Soó, 1964); *Lemno-Spirodeletum salvinietosum* Koch 1954 (Soó, 1964); *Lemno-Salvinietum natantis* Ubrizsy 1961 (Soó, 1964)

Habitat conditions

The community was described by Slavnic in 1956 (Slavnic 1956). It is a free-floating vegetation on the surface of still- and slowly flowing water bodies forming thick covers in most cases. The structure of this community is more complex than that of other duckweed communities because the floating plants have also a tiny rhizosphere. Sometimes other species form a second, submerged layer (Borhidi 2003). In respect to the vegetation architecture, the most determining abiotic environmental factors are the water supply, water movement and wind speed. The stands of the community may be degraded by floods several times a year but they can regenerate within a short period (Bodrogközy 1982). The appearance and condition of this community strongly depends on the fluctuation of water level e.g. in lake Bence (Nagy 1996). The increase of the concentration of alkali cations, which can be attributed either to the mineralized water in the dry years or to the decomposition of the vegetation at the end of the summer, is favourable for the community. Dominant anion of the water bodies is hydrogen-carbonate. Total quantity of Na and K ions exceeds that of Ca and Mg ions and this increases the alkalinity of the water (Bölöni *et al.* 2003). This community is sensitive to water pollution (Fekete *et al.* 1997).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Salvinio-Spirodeletum is evaluated on the basis of 28 relevés that were taken between 1982 and 2005. Further details are listed in the Appendix at page 153. This

community consists of two strata: the species with tiny rhizosphere form the upper stratum and the submerged species form the second one. The surface layer is dominated mainly by *Salvinia natans* and in the submerged layer *Ceratophyllum demersum* is frequently the dominant species. Other species that are constant in this community such as *Spirodela polyrrhiza*, *Lemna minor*, *L. trisulca* and *Urticularia vulgaris* may become locally dominant. In the relevés recorded along the River Tisza, we found certain differences compared to the literature community descriptions (Borhidi 2003). The dominant species of other communities can be present in these duckweed stands because of their mosaic-like structure. For example *Trapa natans*, *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, *Glyceria maxima* and *Stratiotes aloides* can occur in these stands and they may be even accompanying species.

From among the protected species *Salvinia natans* occurred in each stand. *Trapa natans* was present in the following stands: Lake Tisza (Kisköre), Berettyó (Karcag-Püspökladány), oxbow lake of Tisza (Tisza-oxbow of Szórá, Besenyszög), oxbow lake of Körös (Körös-oxbow of Dan-zug, Gyomaendrőd), oxbow lake of Tisza (Körtvélyes-oxbow, Mártély).

Salvinia natans was dominant in most of the relevés and was monodominant in the half of them. In the relevés of the oxbows of Bodrogek, *Lemna triscula* and *Sparganium erectum* were codominant or subdominant. A similar phenomenon can be observed with *Trapa natans* in the relevés from Körös-oxbow and in one case this species was even dominant in the surface layer. The other characteristic species, *Spirodela polyrrhiza* occurred more than 2/3 of the relevés (it was present for example in each sample in Körös-oxbow) and it was dominant in the surface layer in two relevés. In 3/4 of the relevés a submerged layer was formed in most cases by *Ceratophyllum demersum*, and in one sample by *Urticularia vulgaris*. Total vegetation cover of the relevés was much less in Körös-oxbow than in the other relevés.

Multivariate statistical analysis

We carried out a centred principal components analysis (PCA) ordination on the relevés. Considering the eigenvalues, 5 components are important which account for 96 % of the total variance of data. The relevés can be divided into 3 groups but several samples are separated on the scattergram (Fig. 1). It appears that *Salvinia natans* and *Ceratophyllum demersum* are responsible for the formation of the groups. Former species is in close connection with axis 1 while *Ceratophyllum demersum* with axis 2. The cover value of *Salvinia natans* increases from the left to the right along axis 1 and that of *Ceratophyllum demersum* increases from the bottom to the top along axis 2. *Salvinia natans* is dominant in the relevés that compose group A. In several cases *Trapa natans* becomes subdominant. Another common feature of the relevés in group A is that in most cases the submerged layer

did not develop, except for 2 relevés in which the cover of *Ceratophyllum demersum* is between 0.1 % and 10 %, (Fig. 1.). In the quadrates of group B, *Ceratophyllum demersum* forms a submerged layer and its cover value is between 40 and 70 %. *Salvinia natans* is also dominant. In the surface layer of relevés of group C the cover of *Salvinia natans* is lower (10-20 %). The relevés can be characterized with the dominance of *Trapa natans* and *Ceratophyllum demersum* in the submerged layer. The quadrates of group D are slightly separated from those of group A due to the codominance of *Lemna trisulca*. Also *Sparganium erectum* and *Utricularia vulgaris* may be codominant. In quadrates 6 and 20, the coverage of *Salvinia natans* is low (1-3 %), and the surface layer is dominated by *Spirodela polyrrhiza*. The separation of these units is caused by the presence and high coverage of *Ceratophyllum demersum* in quadrate 6 while being absent from quadrate 20.

Relevés recorded on AD scale consist of 15 species, many of them are reed bed and large sedge community elements. These two quadrates were not included in the multivariate analyses.

The aggregations of ordination plot (Figure 1.) do not coincide with Tisza river sections. Although the most important accompanying species of the community were recorded with different rate in each relevé, but this phenomenon did not cause any separation among the units/sections. *Ceratophyllum demersum* was absent only from two relevés of oxbow lakes of Tisza (Tokaj-Szolnok and Szolnok-Southern border). *Lemna minor* was present in every section except for Szolnok-Southern border. *Lemna trisulca* was recorded from two sites: oxbow lake of Bodrog and Lake Tisza. *Trapa natans* is not a character species here, but occasionally it reaches a considerable cover value. The number and proportion of accompanying species may be determined by plenty of biotic and abiotic factors, like species composition and propagule pool of neighbouring stands, abundance of water birds, the degree of eutrophication, the depth and transparency of waterbody, drifting of water, degree of habitat disturbance.

The examination of euhydrophyte communities has some difficulties the most important of which is connected with the free-floating species. These species can easily be driven among and above the rooted vegetation therefore their presence-absence and abundance–dominance values can be evaluated only taking into account these facts.

The presence of additional species may be the consequence of the mosaic-like habitat structure and of the community complexes that are characteristic features of euhydrophyte communities.

The low transparency of shallow waters, several strata of the vegetation and the seasonal changes in the aspects made the study more difficult. In mosaic-like and overlapping vegetation, correct placing of the quadrate samples and determination of the borderline of the communities were not easy (Szirmai *et al.* 2006).

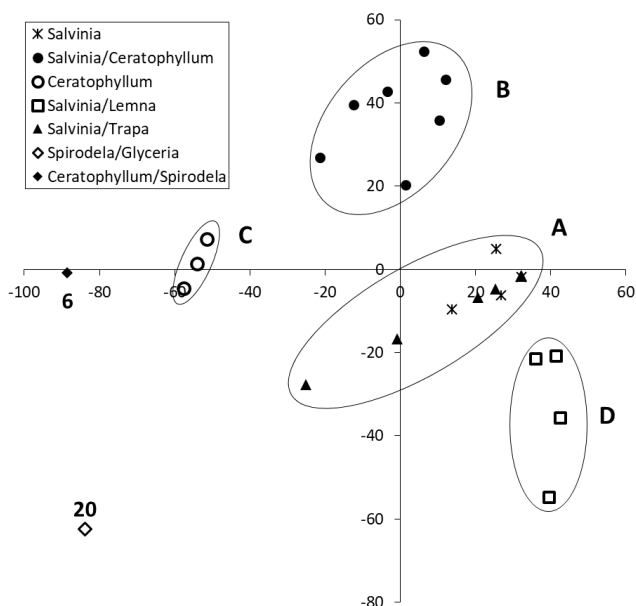


Fig. 1. PCA ordination of the relevés of *Salvinio-Spirodeletum* community (n=26) recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA; for the explanation of legends see text.)

I.2 *Wolffietum arrhizae* (Miyav. and J. Tx. 1960)

Syn.: *Wolffio-Lemnetum gibbae* (Benn. 1943) *wolffietosum arrhizae* (Soó, 1964).

The community was described by Miawaki and Tüxen in 1960 (Miyaw. & Tx., 1960). Earlier it was determined as the subassociation of *Wolffio-Lemnetum gibbae* (Soó, 1964).

Habitat conditions

According to Borhidi, the stands with *Lemna gibba* are characteristic for Middle and Western Europe. This community is azonal floating hydrophyte vegetation with short life span (Borhidi 2003). It is the indicator of eutrophic, HCO_3 rich, alkalic waters. *Wolffia arrhiza* is frequent and forms communities (Bölöni *et al.* 2003, Lakatos 1978). It forms great stands which can be swept by floods according to Bodrogeközy, but they can regenerate within a short period (Bodrogeközy 1982).

Characterization of the species and the stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Rootless Water Meal, *Wolffia arrhiza*, is one of our smallest flowering plants. It is a subtropic-mediterranean species. The Hungarian distribution of the species can be connected to the migration of birds. It was first reported from the Soroksár Danube line by Boros, later Almádi reported the species at oxbow lake of Körös at Békésszentandrás (Almádi 1961). In the 1960's the species was observed in many places: S. Tóth observed it in oxbow lake of Tisza near Oszlár and in the surroundings of Tiszalúc, L. Tóth in Lake Velence, Vöröss reported it from Dráva plain at Szapronca, Tihanyi reported it in the Southern part of Somogy at Középrigóc from the water of Nagy-Bók. In the 70's the plant was reported from more localities. Fintha found it in the dead river-bed of Túr stream in the surroundings of Túrlicse then in the oxbow lake between Túrlicse and Kölcse, and *Wolffia* performed the highest cover in Malom lake at Csaholc. Tölgyesi wrote about it in the Nagy Sulymos Lake and Kis Sulymos Lake between Lakitelek and Alpár, Legány found it at Tiszadob (at oxbow lake of Szelep), D. Pethe reported it from the watercourse of Dédai forest in the surroundings of Beregedaróc, and from Badalói-szeg oxbow at Tarpa. Fintha found it in the oxbow-lake of Szamos in the surroundings of Fülöpösdaróc (Fintha 1979). Lakatos observed the plant near Taktakenéz in an oxbow-lake of Tisza and mentioned an occurrence at Cserehát (Lakatos 1978). *Wolffia* was reported from the Szamos dead channel at Csengersima in 1983 by Fintha, Egey found it in the oxbow-lake of Viss in Bodroghöz (Egey 1987). Recently the species and its association were reported from Kisköre reservoir by Szalma (Szalma 2003).

Characteristic feature of *Wolffia* is that it disappears and later appears again. Lakatos explained this dynamics with the seeds which crop in one year and may germinate in the next favourable year. These dormant seeds ensure the survival of the population during unfavourable conditions and the recolonization (Lakatos 1978).

Wolffia may disappear from many places due to the changing ecological conditions as a consequence of the changing weather. Then the distribution of the species can be observed again in some places (Fintha 1984). The seasonal changes of *Wolffia* together with other hydrophyte species, mainly with *Lemna trisulca* (Almádi 1961) can be well observed. The free-floating species (*Lemna* spp., *Wolffia arrhiza*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza*) often appear or replace each other only at the end or in the middle of the vegetation period. At the beginning of the vegetation period *Lemna minor* is dominant. *Spirodela polyrrhiza* reaches its maximum in the middle of summer. *Lemna trisulca* becomes dominant by the end of summer, and *Salvinia natans* and *Wolffia arrhiza* by the end of autumn (Szirmai *et al.* 2006). On the basis of the experiences at Taktakenéz, the community consists of several hydrophyte

species, the most characteristic species are: *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza*, *Wolffia arrhiza*, *Lemna trisulca* (Lakatos 1961).

On the basis of the relevés along Tisza (9 relevés recorded on percent scale in one stand and 7 relevés recorded on AD scale in 4 stands between 1977-2005; cf. Appendix page 155) the following features can be summarized about the species composition of the community: it is a single layered, rarely double layered community. The floating species (mainly duckweed species) formed the upper layer and the submerged species formed the lower one (*Ceratophyllum demersum*, *Myriophyllum spicatum*). *Wolffia arrhiza* and *Lemna trisulca* were often codominant in moderately eutrophic waters. *Lemna minor* and *Spirodela polyrrhiza* were additional species.

Wolffia arrhiza was not monodominant differently from the recent literature (Borhidi 2003).

The relevés of Túr-oxbow were species-poor consisting of 3 species, this can be due to the small size of the sample quadrat. In the stands at Malom lake *Salvinia natans*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza* and *Wolffia arrhiza* were found. In the stands at Túr-oxbow, *Lemna minor* replaced *Salvinia*.

In certain relevés (in the samples of Török-rivulet) a submerged layer was observed which was formed by *Ceratophyllum demersum*. In the submerged layer of Körtvélyes stand, *Myriophyllum spicatum* was present as a constant species, in one of the relevés it was codominant with *Ceratophyllum demersum* while *Potamogeton lucens* was dominant in another relevé. In 60 % of the samples from Török-rivulet, *Wolffia arrhiza* and *Lemna trisulca* were codominant. *Lemna minor* and *Spirodela polyrrhiza* were subdominant in the relevés from Körtvélyes backwater in addition to *Wolffia arrhiza*. In one of the relevés, *Polygonatum amphibium* var. *aquaticum* formed consociation.

No multivariate analysis was performed since the number of the relevés was limited.

Channels are specific from coenological point of view. The bed of the channels is narrow and not too deep (about 1 to 2 m in depth), therefore plants have smaller habitats. Stands have less space, they are more crowded, the individuals of certain species cover each other so in many cases community complexes are formed on and under the water surface (Szirmai *et al.* 2006). The species composition of the stands of channels is different in many cases from the literature description of the community.

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II. BLADDERWORT COLONIES – LEMNO-UTRICULARIETALIA

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General description

The order *Lemno-Utricularietalia* consists of thermophile communities which are distributed mainly in Middle and Southern Europe. This vegetation type has one or two layers which consist of free-floating species on the surface and insect-trapping species underneath. The determining ecological factor is the organic material and detritus richness of the dystrophic water. Crustacean fauna of the habitat is usually rich in species. Stands frequently appear in shaded waters surrounded by reed vegetation (Borhidi 2003).

II.1. *Lemno-Utricularietum vulgaris* (Soó 1928)

The community was described by Soó in 1928 (Soó 1928). In the first half of the last century it was treated together with *Lemnetum minoris* and was considered as the subassociation of it (Soó 1964).

Habitat conditions

Bladderwort community forms separate zones in the shaded glades of reeds in the secondary lines of rivers, lakes and backwaters. This community occurs mainly in oligo- and dystrophic waters of 40-100 cm depth and is sensitive to eutrophication (Borhidi 2003). The composition of the accessory species of the community strongly depends on the fluctuation of water level as was reported from lake Bence (Nagy 1996).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Bladderwort community is characterized on the basis of 35 relevés from the Tisza river basin, most of which were recorded on percentage scale (for further details see Appendix page 156).

It is a two layered community which consists mainly of the submerged *Utricularia vulgaris* which can associate with *Lemna minor* in the surface layer and with *Lemna trisulca* in the more shaded places. *Salvinia natans*, *Lemna trisulca*, *Hydrocharis morus-ranae* are frequent, they occur in 50-70 % of the stands. In the submerged layer *Ceratophyllum demersum* occurs locally.

The protected *Salvinia natans* occurred in Lake Bence, Török-rivulet and Kengyel-oxbow, and with a minimum cover (+) value in the oxbow of Kistisza-sziget. In the submerged layer of the whole community *Utricularia vulgaris* was dominant and *Ceratophyllum demersum* associated to it in three relevés (11, 13 and 14).

In the Bereg sample, *Salvinia natans*, *Lemna minor* and *Hydrocharis morus-ranae* were dominant in the free-floating layer. *Hydrocharis morus-ranae* was dominant in the relevé of oxbow lake of Tisza at Boroszlókert. In the oxbow-lake of Kengyel at Bodroglók, *Lemna trisulca* and *Salvinia natans* dominated the surface layer (except for the relevé 14). The first species was dominant in the half of the relevés while the second one in the other half. In the sample of Török-rivulet, *Lemna trisulca* was present with only a small cover, and *Salvinia natans* was dominant in the surface layer. *Sparganium erectum* and *Sium latifolium* were accessory species in the oxbow lake of Kis Tisza island.

We evaluated only one relevé from Lajos Timár recorded on AD scale because *Utricularia vulgaris* occurred only in this sample (Timár 1954). According to the recent literature, the dominant species of the community is always *Utricularia vulgaris* (Borhidi 2003).

Multivariate statistical analysis

We carried out a centred principal components analysis (PCA) ordination on the relevés (Podani 1993). On the basis of the eigenvalues, 5 components accounted for 90,55 % of the total variance of data. The objects were divided into three large and one smaller groups, and two objects separated from the others. Dominance of *Salvinia natans* and *Lemna trisulca* are the determining factors in the separation of groups. Considering the correlations of the variables with the first two axes, the cover values of *Salvinia natans* grow along x axis from the left to the right. There is no large difference in the cover values of *Utricularia vulgaris* (70-100 %) among the relevés.

In the relevés of group A (Fig. 1) the cover value of *Salvinia natans* is low (0-25 %), *Lemna minor* is present in 90 % of the samples, and occasionally it is dominant. In addition, *Hydrocharis morus-ranae* is the most frequent accompanying species and sometimes subdominant in the free-floating layer. *Lemna trisulca* is completely missing from this group.

In the group B, *Salvinia natans* is dominant in the surface layer (its cover value of is 60-95 %), *Lemna trisulca* is sub- or codominant. In relevé 32, *Lemna trisulca* is dominant and *Salvinia natans* is subdominant in the surface layer.

In the relevés of group C, *Hydrocharis morus-ranae* is dominant in the surface layer, creating a consociation, and *Salvinia natans* is missing. In the group D, *Lemna trisulca* is dominant with cover values of 32 to 95 % and *Salvinia natans* becomes a subordinate species.

Relevé 14 is very different from the others; three species are co-dominant (*Utricularia vulgaris*, *Lemna trisulca* and *Ceratophyllum demersum*), they occur in similar proportion, and *Lemna minor* is the only accompanying species.

The sample recorded on AD scale shows a species-poor stand; the surface layer consists of *Lemna minor* and *Salvinia natans*, and the submerged layer is dominated by *Utricularia vulgaris*.

On the ordination plot (Fig. 1) only the relevés of one site (Tisza-oxbow of Boroszlókert, Gulács) form a separate group as a consequence of the dominance of *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* in the surface layer; the samples from the other sites are more or less mixed, geographic differentiation can not be revealed. The groups of relevés were formed by one or several dominant species as was explained above. The ratio of the associated species is influenced by several abiotic and biotic factors, for example by the species composition of the neighbouring communities, the density of water-birds, the rate of eutrophization, the depth of water body, the disturbance of the area etc.

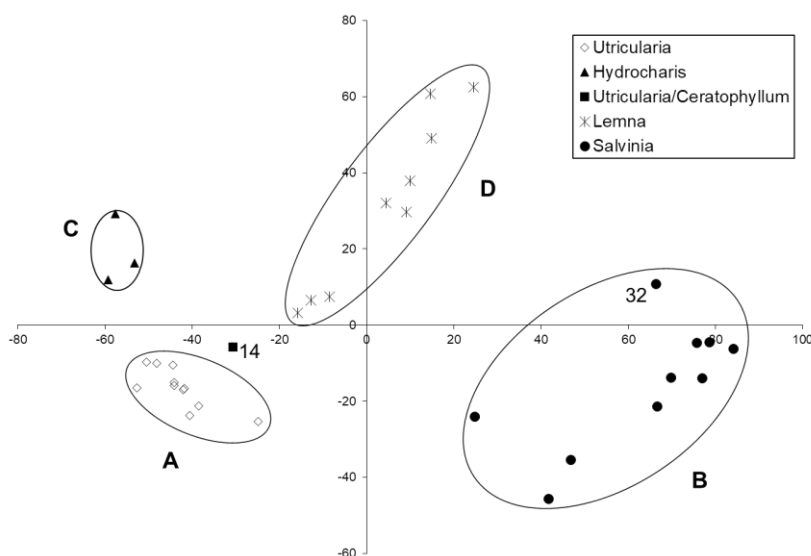


Fig. 1. PCA ordination of the samples of *Lemno-Utricularietum* community (n=34) recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA was applied). Relevés of group A are dominated by *Utricularia vulgaris*, and *Lemna trisulca* is missing; group B is dominated by *Salvinia natans* and group C by *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*; group D is characterized by the dominance of *Lemna trisulca* and the low cover values of *Salvinia natans*. In the relevé marked with solid square (No. 14), proportion of *Utricularia vulgaris* is much less than the average and *Ceratophyllum demersum* becomes co-dominant.

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III. LARGE PONDWEED BEDS – POTAMETALIA

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General description

Potametalia association order consists of the broadleaved rooted pondweeds of still- and slowly floating water bodies with depth of several meters. Several species occurring in this order are purely aquatic plants while other species can be present in terrestrial forms (amphibian plants). Large pondweed beds (*Potamion lucentis*) are the pioneer communities in the eutrophization processes (Borhidi 2003).

III.1 *Potametum lucentis* (Hueck 1931)

Syn.: *Myriophyllo-Potametum potametosum acuminati* Slavnic 1956, *Lemneto-Utricularietum* cons. *P. lucens* Timár 1954, *Myriophyllo-Potametum potametosum lucentis* Soó 1957 (Soó 1964).

The community was described by Hueck in 1931. Earlier it was treated as the subassociation of *Myriophyllo-Potametum* (Borhidi and Sánta 1999).

Habitat conditions

Pondweed bed community is present in 4-7 m deep, moderately eutrophic and mesotrophic, still or slowly moving waters (Borhidi 2003).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Along river Tisza, 15 relevés were recorded on percentage scale in 4 stands and 10 relevés on AD scale in 4 stands between 1965 and 2000 (cf. Appendix page 158). It can be discussed from the records that all the relevés are dominated by *Potamogeton lucens*. *Ceratophyllum demersum* is also constant, and it dominates the submerged layer. If the surface layer develops it is dominated by *Salvinia natans* and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, and these species may be accompanied by *Lemna minor* and *Spirodela polyrrhiza*.

The studied stands differ from the literature data (Borhidi 2003) since other plants as those with large submerged leaves are also characteristic. In certain relevés the occurrence of swamp and reed bed species like *Sparganium erectum*, *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, *Phragmites communis* causes further difference.

From among the protected species, *Salvinia natans* was present in the stands at Zsaró-rivulet, Tisza-oxbow of Hordód, Körös-oxbow of Dan-zug. *Trapa natans*

occurred in the stands at Lake Tisza, Körös-oxbow of Dan-zug, Körtvélyes-oxbow, Algyő at Nagyfa.

It is typical for the submerged layer in most relevés that *Ceratophyllum demersum* reached a significant cover value beside the dominant *Potamogeton lucens*. In one of the relevés at Tisza-oxbow of Hordód, *Myriophyllum spicatum* had also a higher cover value. All of the above mentioned species were present in the Körtvélyes stand (Bodrogközy 1982) accompanied by *Potamogeton perfoliatus*. The relevés of Körös-oxbow were exceptional because only *Potamogeton lucens* formed the submerged layer. In the relevés taken by Timár at Algyő Nagyfa, *Potamogeton gramineus* was codominant with *Potamogeton lucens*. In the stands at Tiszafüred, Algyő and Körös-oxbow, species of broad-leaved pondweed carpets, swamps and reed beds may also occur with considerable dominance like *Trapa natans*, *Sparganium erectum*, *Polygonum amphibium*, *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, *Nuphar lutea*, *Phragmites australis*, *Sagittaria sagittifolia*.

Multivariate statistical analysis

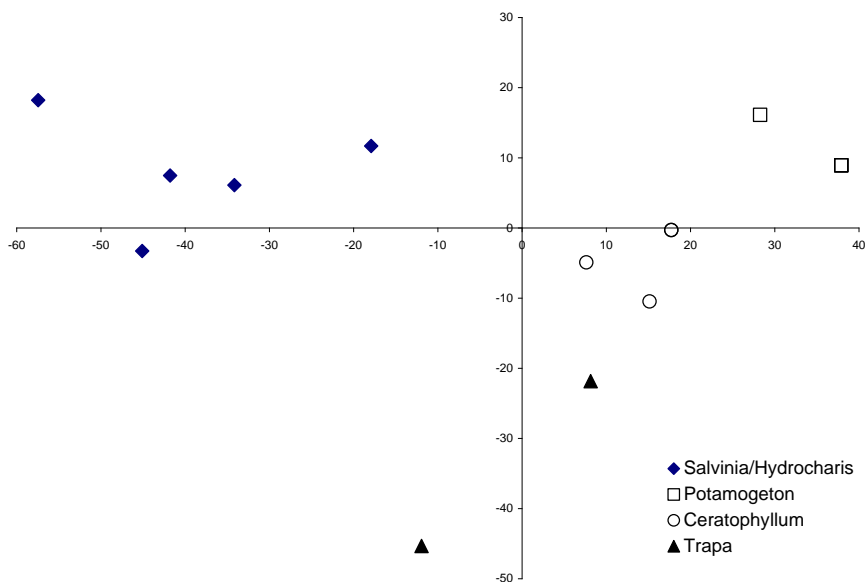


Fig. 1. PCA ordination of the relevés (n=15) of *Potamogetonetum lucentis* community recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA). Relevés marked with diamond are dominated by *Salvinia* and *Hydrocharis*, those marked with open square are dominated by *Potamogeton*. Open circle signs the dominance of *Ceratophyllum*, and triangle signs the dominance of *Trapa*.

Principal component analysis (PCA) was performed on percentage scale data. Due to the low number of species, more than 95 % of the total variance is accounted for by only three components. The scatterplot of the relevés (Fig. 1.) that derived from centred Principal component analysis presents the aggregation according to the species composition and dominance. *Potamogeton lucens*, *Salvinia natans*, *Ceratophyllum demersum* and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* are the determining species, and are connected to component 1; *Trapa natans* is of secondary importance as it is present only in two relevés. The cover values of *Potamogeton lucens* are high in the right hand objects, and those of *Salvinia natans*, *Ceratophyllum demersum* and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* are higher at the left hand relevés. The relevés characterized by the considerable cover values of *Salvinia* and *Hydrocharis* were sampled in the same stand of Zsaró-rivulet. The reason of separation of relevés marked with triangle was the dominance of *Trapa natans* in the surface layer. The aggregation of the relevés is less connected to the geographic area.

Due to the low number of AD-samples the multivariate analysis was not performed.

III.2 *Myriophyllo-Potametum* Soó (1934)

Syn.: *Potametum myriophylletosum* Soó 1934, *Potametum perfoliati potametosum lucentis* Koch 1926, *Potametum mixtum* Soó, 1930, 1933 (Soó, 1964).

The community was described by Soó in 1934 (Soó 1934)

Habitat conditions

This community occurs normally in the muddy bank zone of shallow large lakes and oxbow lakes. It can be characterized with great photosynthetic activity and biomass production (Borhidi 2003).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

We found very few data from this community recorded along the river Tisza. Two relevés were recorded on percentage scale and 1 relevé on AD scale in 1951 and in 2003 (cf. Appendix page 160). The relevés recorded on percentage scale differ from the published community description (Borhidi 2003), since *Myriophyllum spicatum* did not occur in the quadrates but instead *M. verticillatum* dominated the stand which is usually an accompanying species. The list of the accompanying species is similar to the literature data: *Potamogeton perfoliatus* generally subdominant, further accompanying species are: *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, *Lemna minor*, *Lemna trisulca*, *Salvinia natans*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza*,

Potamogeton natans, *Trapa natans*. The last two species were present only in one of the relevés. On the basis of the species composition and considering also the results of Kárpáty V. (Borhidi 2003), the 2 percentage scale relevés can be considered as the facies of *Myriophyllo-Potametum*.

The archive relevé recorded on AD scale includes only two species: *Myriophyllum spicatum* is dominant and *Trapa natans* is subordinate accompanying species. We used only one relevé from those of Timár made in *Myriophylleto-Potametum* (Timár 1954) because *Myriophyllum* species occurred only in this sample. In the other relevés of Timár, *Potamogeton perfoliatus* is the dominant species forming communities, and other pondweed species like *P. pectinatus* or *P. natans* are not present in the relevés of Timár.

The species number of the relevés was very low, and only two protected species were found. *Salvinia natans* was present only in the stand at Tisza-oxbow of Hordód, and *Trapa natans* occurred in both stands.

III.3 *Nymphaeetum albo-luteae* (Nowinski 1928)

Syn.: *Myriophylleto-Potametum* W. Koch 1926, Slavnic 1956; *Nuphareto-Castalietum* Soó, 1928, 1933, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940-41, 1945; Soó-Zólyomi 1951; Timár 1954 (Soó, 1964).

The community was described by Nowinski in 1928 (Nowinski, 1928).

Habitat conditions

Floating broad-leaved carpets are characteristic of large, permanent waterbodies, lakes, and oxbows and sometimes channels and slowly flowing rivers with moderately deep water. The community survives for a long time if the ecological conditions are optimal (Borhidi 2003).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Along the river Tisza, 50 relevés were recorded on percentage scale and 11 relevés on AD scale between 1947 and 2005. The relevés belonged to 12, and 7 stands, respectively (see Appendix page 161). The separate occurrence of the two dominant species, *Nymphaea alba* and *Nuphar lutea*, supports that the community can be treated as two separate associations but mixed stands can also be observed. Submerged species can accompany the floating species complex thus the community consists of 2 layers in this case. In the *Nuphar* beds (*Myriophyllo verticillati-Nupharetum luteae* W. Koch 1926), *Lemna* species (*L. minor*, *L. trisulca*) and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* can accompany the dominant species in the surface layer while in the submerged layer *Ceratophyllum demersum* is present.

Waterlily beds (*Ceratophyllo-Nymphaeetum albae* (Kárpáti 1963, Borhidi 2001) differ from the previous community because they are less tolerant to eutrophization (Borhidi 2003). *Lemna* species (*L. minor*, *L. trisulca*), *Spirodela polyrrhiza* and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* can occur in the free-floating layer while the community is characterized with *Ceratophyllum demersum*, *Myriophyllum spicatum*, *Utricularia vulgaris* and *U. australis* in the submerged layer.

Some swamp and reed bed species occur in the relevés like *Butomus umbellatus*, *Sagittaria sagittifolia*, *Sparganium erectum*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Glyceria maxima*, *Typha angustifolia*, and this occurrence is different from the literature data (Borhidi 2003).

From among the protected species, *Hottonia palustris* was found in the Viss-oxbow and Lake Sulymos (Tőserdő). *Nymphaea alba* was recorded in all of the stands except for those at Zsaró-rivulet and Viss-oxbow. *Salvinia natans* was present at Török- and Zsaró-rivulet, Viss-oxbow, Lake Nagy at Bodrozug, Lake Tisza, Lake Sulymos, Tisza-oxbow of Alpár and Tisza-oxbow of Nagysziget.

The difference among the stands appears in the strata of the community and in the rate of the dominant and accompanying species. *Nymphaea alba* is dominant in the surface layer in 65 % of relevés, and 25 % of the relevés is dominated by *Nuphar lutea*. In the remaining relevés, other species are dominant or codominant (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, *Stratiotes aloides* and *Glyceria maxima*). In 58 % of the samples a submerged startum is present which consists of free-floating and rooted hydrophyte species.

In most of the relevés recorded on AD scale *Nymphaea alba* is dominant in the surface layer and it is subordinate in some cases. In one of the relevés *Nuphar lutea* is dominant, and two relevés are dominated by *Sagittaria sagittifolia*.

Multivariate statistical analysis

Both percentage and AD-scale data were evaluated with Principal component analysis. In the PCA of percentage data, 4 components were important, they accounted for 91.4 % of the total variance. The ordination scatterplot (Fig. 2) shows four distinct groups of objects that are separated according to the dominant species composition. The distinctive species are *Nymphaea alba*, *Nuphar lutea* and *Ceratophyllum demersum*. The effects of *Nymphaea* and *Nuphar* are opposite, and they determine the distribution of the objects along the first axis. *Ceratophyllum* is mainly responsible for the distribution along the second axis.

During the ordination of AD scale samples, the original cover values were converted. Instead of + sign 0,1 was used, and in the case of interval values (e.g. 2-3) their means (2,5) were used. In the PCA-ordination of AD-scale data, the first 5 components proved to be important, and accounted for 91.2 % of the total variance of data. The distribution of the points in the scatterplot (Fig. 3) is determined mostly

by the AD values of *Nymphaea alba* growing from the left to the right along the first axis.

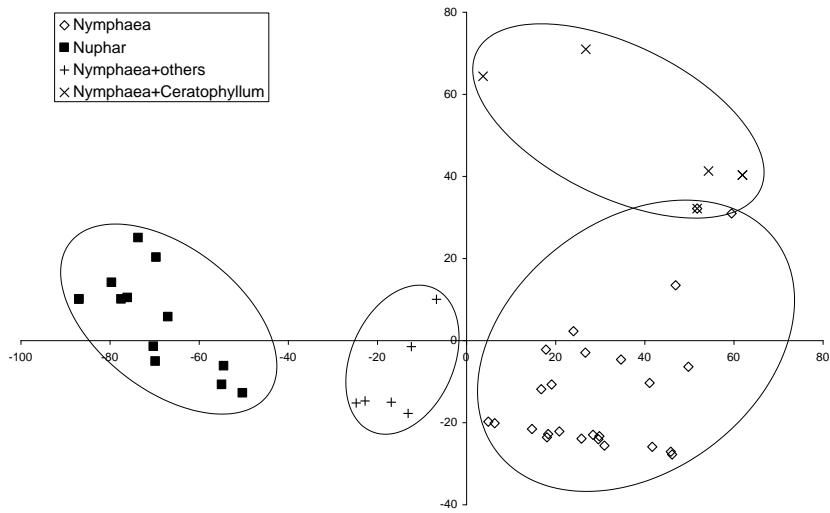


Fig. 2. PCA ordination of the relevés (n=50) of *Nymphaeetum albo-luteae* community recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA). The relevés are separated according to the dominant species composition.

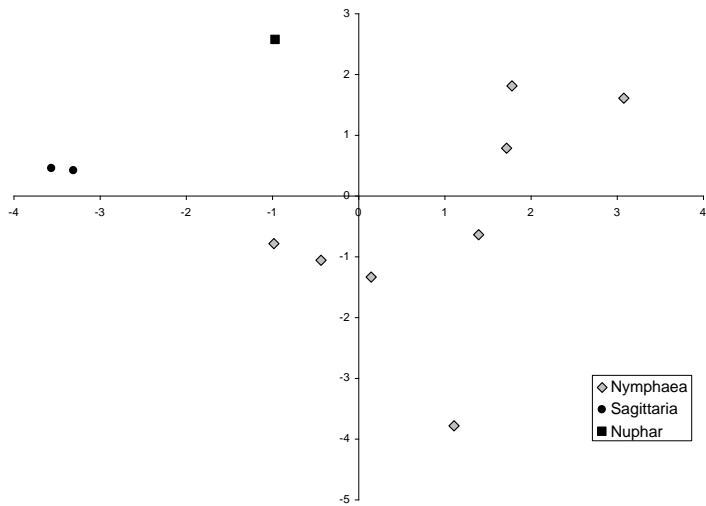


Fig. 3. PCA ordination of the relevés (n=11) of *Nymphaeetum albo-luteae* community recorded on AD scale (centered PCA). The relevés are distinguished again by the dominant species.

The relevés on the left are characterized by smaller AD values of *Nymphaea alba* and are dominated by *Sagittaria sagittifolia* or *Nuphar lutea*. Two relevés are co-dominated by *Salvinia natans* or *Ceratophyllum demersum* but these points do not separate definitely from those dominated only by *Nymphaea*.

The distribution of the relevés in the ordination hyperspace is not connected to the river sections or certain places. The sub-associations or facies may be affected by the local water chemistry.

III.4 *Trapetum natantis* (V. Kárpáti 1963)

Syn.: *Nuphareto-Castalietum* cons. *Trapa* Timár 1954, *Trapa* soc. Soó, 1933, 1934, *Trapo-Nymphoidetum* Ubrizsy 1961 (Soó 1964).

The community was described by V. Kárpáti (1963). Earlier this community was considered as the water chestnut consociation of *Nuphareto-Castalietum* (Timár 1954) or the same community as fringed waterlily carpets (Ubrizsy 1961 in Soó 1964).

Habitat conditions

Water chestnut carpets are the vegetation of slowly moving and still eutrophic waters. This community favours the parts of water bodies which can easily warm up and are moderately alkalic. The stands develop till the depth of 2 m (Borhidi 2003).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

The structure of this community can be evaluated on the basis of 96 relevés from the Tisza valley. Fifty five relevés were recorded on percentage scale (19 stands) and 41 relevés on AD scale (16 stands). The records were done between 1947 and 2005 (Appendix page 164). The stands are mainly species-poor dominated by *Trapa natans*, and also *Lemna* species and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* are characteristic. Contrary to the literature data (Borhidi 2003), the community has got two layers in about half of the relevés. The surface layer consists of the above species accompanied often by *Spirodela polyrrhiza* and *Salvinia natans*. Several broad-leaved species occur in the free-floating layer like *Nuphar lutea*, *Nymphaea alba*, *Nymphoides peltata*, *Potamogeton nodosus* or *P. natans*. *Ceratophyllum demersum* forms the submerged layer in most cases, and sometimes it can be accompanied by *Utricularia vulgaris*, *U. australis*, *Myriophyllum spicatum*, *M. verticillatum*, *Najas marina*, *N. minor* and *Potamogeton* species (*P. crispus*, *P. lucens*, *P. pectinatus*, *P. perfoliatus*).

From among the protected species, *Trapa natans* occurred in each stands. *Marsilea quadrifolia* was found only in the Kengyel-oxbow. *Salvinia natans*

occurred in the stands of Zsaró-rivulet, Lake Tisza (Tiszavalk, Poroszló, Egerstream, Csapó, Kozmafok-Sarud, Adádszalók, Kisköre) and Tisza oxbow lakes (Lake Gó, Szóró, Feketeváros, Labodár, Osztora, Mártély and Körtvélyes). *Nymphaea alba* occurred in the stands at Tiszavalk and Poroszló, and *Nymphoides peltata* was found in the stands near Tiszavalk, Kozmafok-Sarud and Kisköre.

The surface layer of the majority of relevés recorded on percentage scale was dominated by *Trapa natans*. Only 3 relevés were characterized by larger cover values of *Stratiotes aloides* and *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*. In Kengyel-oxbow and Zsaró-rivulet, certain swamp and reed bed species appeared as accompanying species like *Glyceria maxima*, *Sagittaria sagittifolia* or *Butomus umbellatus* cover values of which were low (less than 8 %). Most of the relevés had also submerged layer which was formed mainly by *Ceratophyllum demersum* or sometimes by *Lemna trisulca*. In 3 stands (Kengyel, Zsaró-rivulet, Tisza-oxbow of Szóró), there was no submerged layer which was probably the result of the shallow water. The total species number was only 24 and only 5 species performed higher cover values. The frequency of 7 species was considerable. The average number of species per relevé was about 4, and only one species was present in several relevés.

The dominance of the species were much more varied in the relevés made on AD scale. *Trapa natans* was dominant again in every relevés except for two ones, but occurred in each relevé. The other species were less frequent and rarely dominant. *Polygonum amphibium* formed a consociation in certain samples of the stands near Poroszló and Körtvélyes. *Nymphoides peltata* was co- or subdominant in some samples of the Sarud stand. *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* was subdominant in one of the relevés of Tiszavalk. *Nymphoides peltata* did not occur frequently but should be codominant with *Trapa natans*. In the relevés recorded at Lake Tisza, *Salvinia natans* and *Spirodela polyrrhiza* were frequent species with low cover value as accompanying species. The submerged layer was also diverse: *Ceratophyllum demersum*, *Utricularia australis* and *Lemna trisulca* were frequent but with low cover values. *Myriophyllum* species were also the members of the submerged layer. *Myriophyllum spicatum* was present only in few relevés but with considerable AD-value in the southern part of Tisza valley (Szolnok-Southern border) while *M. verticillatum* occurred in one stand at Lake Tisza as an accompanying species. The following species occurred only in the stands of Lake Tisza: *Najas marina* and *N. minor*, *Potamogeton pectinatus* and *P. perfoliatus*, while *Potamogeton crispus* and *P. lucens* were recorded from the waters of the Southern part of Tisza (Szolnok-Southern border).

Multivariate statistical analysis

Principal component analysis of percentage data resulted that 3 components are considerable on the basis of eigenvalues, they account for 94.38 % of the total variance of data. The ordination plot (Fig. 4) shows a very characteristic

distribution of points representing the relevés. Cover values of *Ceratophyllum demersum* and *Trapa natans* are of primary importance in this respect. The cover value of *C. demersum* is growing from the left to the right along the first axis while that of *T. natans* is growing from the bottom to the top along the second axis thus these two species can be coupled with the first and second components, respectively. The relevés are apparently separated along the first axis by the dominance classes of *C. demersum*, and scattered along the second axis by the dominance values of *T. natans*. Other species play no definite role in this respect.

PCA analysis of AD-scale data resulted 8 components considerable which account for 94.31 % of the total variance. This means that more species are responsible for the point distribution than in the previous analysis. In this analysis, *Trapa natans* plays the most important role and can be coupled with the first component. Its abundance is the highest on the right side of the graph, and one relevé is separated on the left as being practically an open water stand. The distribution of the points along the second axis is influenced by several species with considerable abundance thus groups characterized with the occurrence of *Polygonum amphibium*, *Nymphoides peltata* and *Ceratophyllum demersum* are distinguished. The overlap among the groups is rather large at the right side that is due to the high abundance of *Trapa natans* (Fig. 5).

No relationship was found between the species composition and geographic position of the stands.

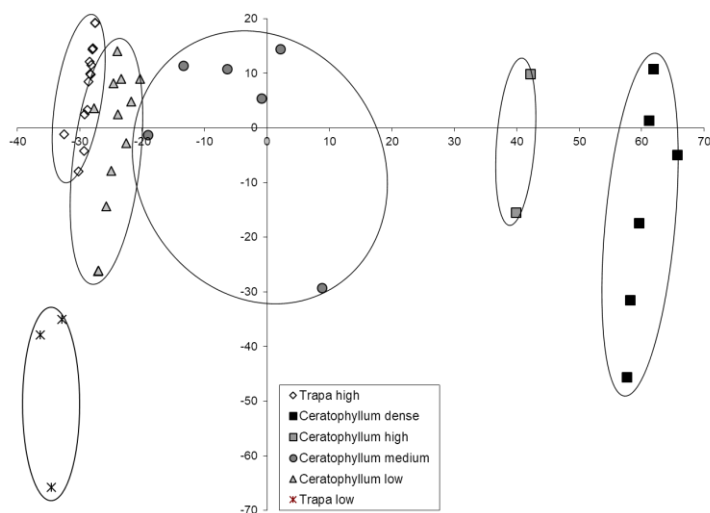


Fig. 4. PCA ordination of the samples (n=55) of *Trapa natantis* community recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA.) *Trapa natans* is present and in most cases dominant in the relevés; *Ceratophyllum demersum* is not present in the plots marked with „*Trapa* high” and „*Trapa* low”.

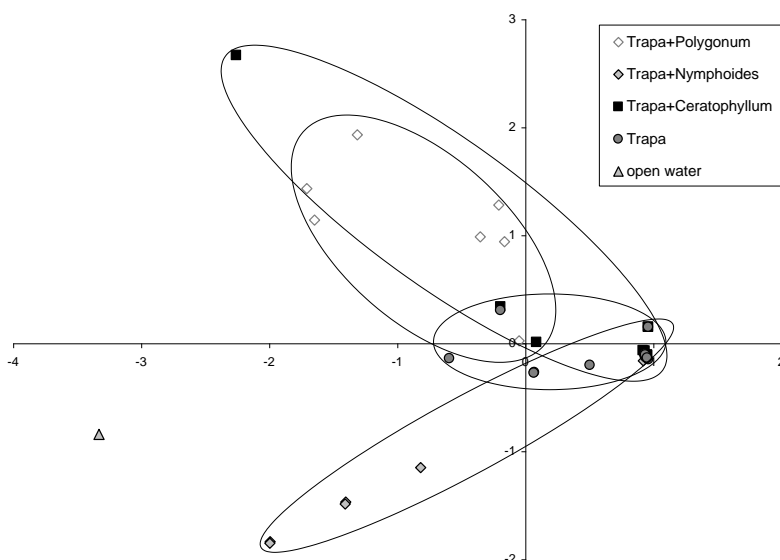


Fig. 5. PCA ordination of the samples (n=41) of *Trapa natantis* community recorded on AD scale (centered PCA.) The relevés are distinguished according to the second most important species. The groups of relevés of similar character have considerable overlaps.

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IV. SMALL GALINGALE SWARDS – NANOCYPERETALIA KLIKA 1935

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The association order of small galingale sward vegetation consists of the West-, Central- and South-European mud associations. The main conditions for developing are short vegetation period, permanently humid mud and the absence of any perennial vegetation.

We can find excellent habitats around newly dried shores and shallows of the rivers, on rice fields and such kind of anthropogenic habitats as fisheries dried basin, and wheel-tracks. These habitats are characterised by continuous fluctuation of environmental factors and frequent disturbance which all can hinder the development of perennial vegetation. This kind of fluctuation is, for example, the annual oscillation of the water level that results a nitrogen poor sediment with unfavourable mechanical features. All of these effects determine the composition of the developing vegetation and only annual or ephemeral plants can survive in this habitat.

The research of the *Nanocyperion* associations has been neglected for a long time. The first relevés were made by botanists who carried out floristical researches along larger rivers. The small galingale swards are known from the publications of Timár (1947, 1948, 1950a, 1950b, 1954a, 1957a, 1957b), Ubrizsy (1948), Felföldy (1950), Fintha (1969), Bagi (1985, 1986, 1987a, 1987b, 1988a) and Molnár (2000a). Detailed studies were published by Bagi (1985, 1986, 1987a, 1987b), who dealt with the structure, dynamics, succession and classification of these associations. After the great floods of Tisza River in 1998, Molnár (1999a, 1999b, 2000b, 2000c, 2001) and Farkas (2001) published floristic data and some relevés about *Nanocyperion* communities.

The species composition of the relevés (see Appendix page 167) did not differ from that published in the literature. Categorization of the stands into exact associations was difficult, because the species compositions were similar and the most comprehensive Hungarian literature (Borhidi 2003) did not publish reference relevés. Furthermore, it was difficult because most of the relevés were made to demonstrate the preference of a particular species, and not to document an average and/or typical habitat. Hence, majority of the relevés were dominated by one of the pioneer species, while the other species occurred as subordinate ones. Therefore, it was hard to decide which association, facies or consociation did a given relevé belong to (see Fig. 1).

According to the relevés made on the Tisza valley, 32 % of these habitats was covered by natural pioneer species. From the floristical elements point of view, the

widespread eurasian (28.7 %), cosmopolitan (29.4 %) and circumpolar (33.3 %) elements dominate this community (Fig. 2). Because of the heterogeneity of the sediment and the occasional evaporation or carbonate accumulation it may also develop on nitrogen and nutrient rich sediments, dominated by different species. These features suggest that *Nanocyperion* associations have an azonal character. However, the edafic and climate dependences are evident on the level of the stands due to specific ecological demands of the species.

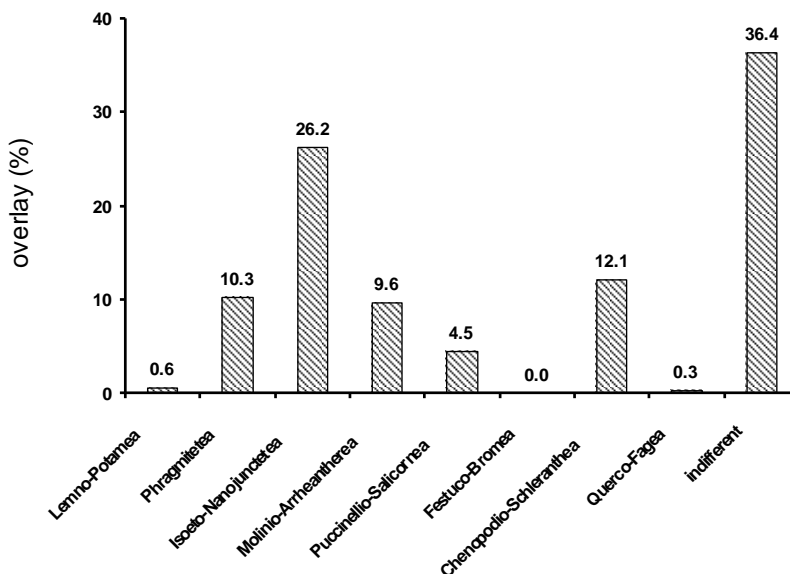


Fig. 1. Distribution of coenosystematic categories in the *Nanocyperion* relevés along River Tisza based on the percentage cover.

With the use of the social behaviour types (Borhidi 1996) we can detect that the native elements are the most frequent; this indicates high naturalness of the relevés. Because *Nanocyperion* communities are pioneer associations the natural pioneer species dominated (32 %) the relevés. In addition, the stress tolerant generalists (16.5 %), disturbance tolerant species (15.8 %) and native weeds (17.8 %) were the most frequent in the plots.

According to Borhidi (2003), *Nanocyperion* stands have low vegetation cover, they are relatively species poor. Relevés made along River Tisza showed the following features: average plant cover was 45 % and species number ranged from 3 to 29. The coverage of the individual species was rather low. Typically the plants formed small tussocks and prostrate shoots.

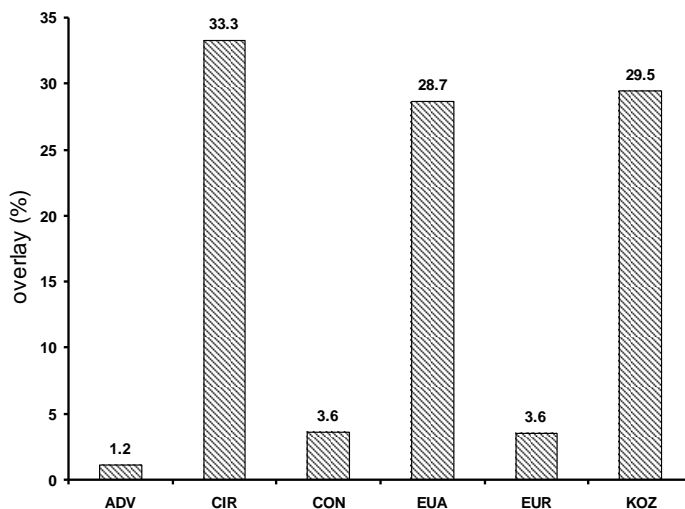


Fig. 2. Distribution of the floristic elements in the *Nanocyperion* relevés along River Tisza based on the percentage cover.

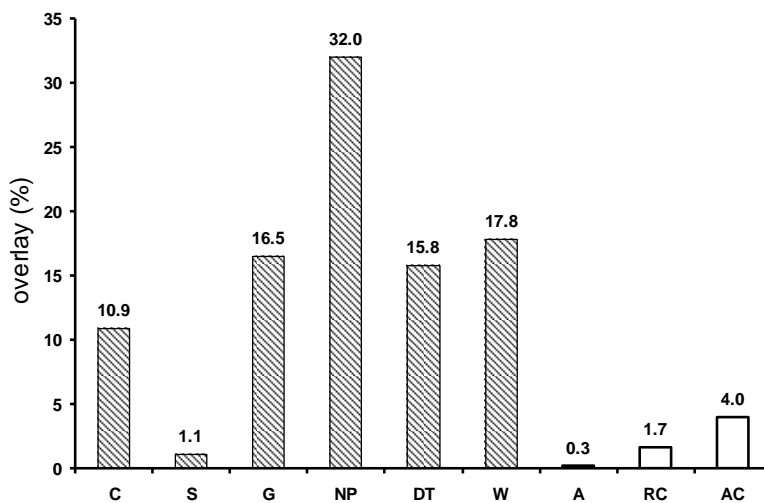


Fig. 3. Distribution of the social behaviour (Borhidi 1995) types in the *Nanocyperion* relevés along River Tisza based on the percentage cover (invasive species with white columns).

Most of the species had specifically low (I-III) constancy value (see Appendix page 167), higher values were very rare. The highest constancy values (IV-III) along the Tisza-River were recorded in the case of the following species: *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Cyperus fuscus*, *Echinochloa crus-galli*, *Persicaria lapathifolia*. Characteristic species were with lower (II) constancy: *Alisma plantago-aquatica*, *Amaranthus lividus*, *Atriplex oblongifolia*, *Bidens cernua*, *Bidens tripartitus*, *Carex serotina*, *Chenopodium album*, *Chenopodium polyspermum*, *Chenopodium rubrum*, *Cyperus michelianus*, *Eleocharis ovata*, *Gnaphalium uliginosum*, *Juncus articulatus*, *Juncus buffonius*, *Leersia oryzoides*, *Lycopus europeus*, *Lythrum virgatum*, *Plantago major*, *Ranunculus sceleratus*, *Rorippa sylvestris*, *Rumex crispus*, *Rumex stenophyllus*, *Tanacetum vulgare*, *Typha latifolia*, *Xanthium italicum*.

Nanocyperion habitats became very scarce by this time. With the decrease of the former intensive rice-cultivations and with the drainage of the rainwater and inland inundations their habitats were drastically ebbed away, reducing considerably the survival of several rare species. Important data from the relevés along the River Tisza were the occurrence of *Elatine* species (*E. triandra*, *E. hungarica*, *E. alsinastrum*, *E. hydropiper*), *Carex bohemica*, *Eleocharis carniolica*, *E. ovata*. These species were extremely rare all across the country; therefore, their frequency in the relevés overestimates their real occurrence frequency.

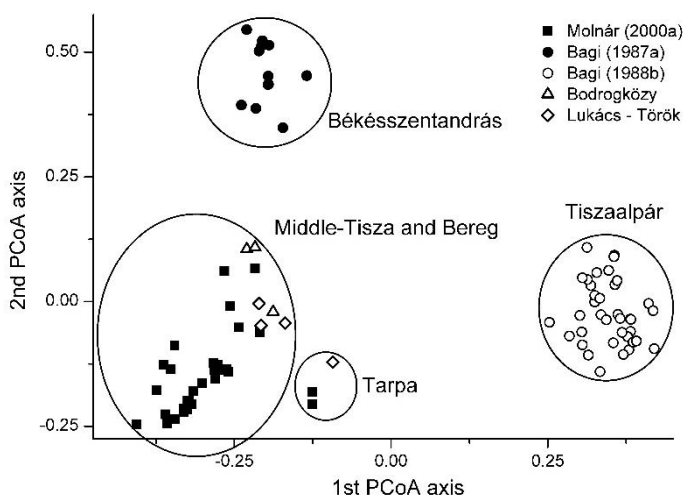


Fig. 4. Ordination of the relevés (PCoA) with Bray-Curtis similarity ($n=87$) based on the percentage cover. Symbols denote the botanist responsible for the relevés; circles indicate the geographic location of the relevés.

With the ordination of the relevés (Fig. 4) we could distinguish rather separated groups only on the basis of their geographic distribution. This distribution did not coincide with the group of authors responsible for the relevés.

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V. REED BEDS – PHRAGMITETALIA

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General description

Reed bed communities spread from the area of the Mediterranean Sea to Southern Scandinavia. They occur at the margins and floating rafts of lakes, rivers, and brooks and at fens and eutrophic marshes. One of the characteristic features of the community is that its habitat is flooded at least for a certain part of the vegetation period. This community is a relatively species poor. The stands are usually dense and tall; this physiognomy is influenced by strong competition and clonal growth of the edicator species. The ecological requirements of the community depend on the dominant species (Borhidi 2003).

V.1 *Glycerietum maximae* (Hueck 1931)

The association was described by Hueck in 1931 (Hueck 1931).

Habitat conditions

This community that favours the fluctuating oxygen-rich water appears primarily along the edges of lakes, oxbow lakes, slowly flowing ditches. It is tolerant of flooding and drought but sensitive to trampling. The community can be found on the watercourse zone of eutrophic waters between reed beds and large sedge communities. It replaces reed beds in strongly fluctuating waters (Borhidi 2003). Sometimes it forms stands on moving rafts e.g. in Navat stream. It can be initial state of floating mire succession (Nagy 2000, Szurdoki and Nagy 2002, Nagy *et al.* 2007).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

On the basis of 34 relevés recorded along river Tisza (for details see Appendix page 171) the following results were obtained on the species composition of the community: in general it consists of a single layer but sometimes is a two- or three-layered community. The uppermost layer is formed by emergent species rooted in mud or sand, floating species with thin rhizosphere form the next layer and submerged species form the lowest one.

The uppermost layer is dominated by *Glyceria maxima* accompanied by several swamp species as *Sparganium erectum*, *Polygonum amphibium*, *Alisma plantago-aquatica*, *Carex gracilis*, *C. riparia* or *C. elata*. Sometimes *Lemna minor*,

L. trisulca and *Salvinia natans* form free-floating layer. The submerged layer is formed by *Ceratophyllum submersum* and *Utricularia vulgaris*. Contrary to the literature (Borhidi 2003), dominant and characteristic species of other communities like *Trapa natans* may occur in the relevés along Tisza because of the mosaic structure of the vegetation.

Protected *Salvinia natans* can be found in the stands of Lake Bence, Kengyel- and Óbodrog-oxbow-lakes, while *Marsilea quadrifolia* occurs only in the latter site.

Spatial difference can be observed in the number of layers of the stands and in the rate of additional species. Free-floating layer can be found in the stands at Navat stream, Lake Bence, Kengyel- and Óbodrog-oxbows which is dominated by *Salvinia natans*, *Lemna trisulca* and *L. minor* and accompanied by *Spirodela polyrrhiza*, *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, and only in the last stand *Marsilea quadrifolia*.

The submerged layer is formed by *Ceratophyllum submersum* in one of the relevés recorded at Navat stream, while in those of Kengyel- and Óbodrog-oxbows it consists of *Utricularia vulgaris* which occurs in the latter stand with only 0,1 % cover value. Other additional species are the elements of swamps, reed vegetation and large sedge communities. It is worth to mention that at certain sites of Navat stream *Eriophoro vaginati-Sphagnetum* Soó (1927) 1954 *oxycoccetosum* was the preceding community (Nagy *et al.* 1999).

Multivariate statistical analysis

Relevés recorded on percentage scale were analysed with centred principal component analysis. On the basis of the eigenvalues, 5 components are responsible for 94,49 % of the total variance. On the ordination scatterplot (Fig. 1) one large and two smaller groups can be distinguished that are separated along the first axis by the dominance of *Lemna trisulca* and *L. minor*, and along the second axis by *Utricularia vulgaris*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza* and *Salvinia natans*. *Glyceria maxima* was not determinant as it was present in each relevés with considerable coverage. Most of the relevés of group A are similar in species composition, they have no dense free-floating layer and the accompanying species are mainly swamp and reed vegetation elements. In the free-floating layer of group B, *Lemna trisulca* is dominant (80-100 %) forming a facies. Elements of group C, all are the relevés of Kengyel-oxbow, can be distinguished as *utricularietosum vulgaris*-subassociation. The free-floating layer is very dense and consists of *Lemna trisulca* and *Salvinia natans*.

The groups on the ordination plot (Fig. 1) do not fit the distinguished Tisza sections. The composition and number of accompanying species show certain differences within the groups, but this phenomenon did not result the separation of units. Free-floating species were found only in two units (Lakes of Bereg, Bodrog-oxbows): *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, *Lemna minor* and *trisulca*, *Salvinia natans*

and *Spirodela polyrrhiza*. Occurrence of accompanying species can be explained by the species-pool and physiognomy of neighbouring communities.

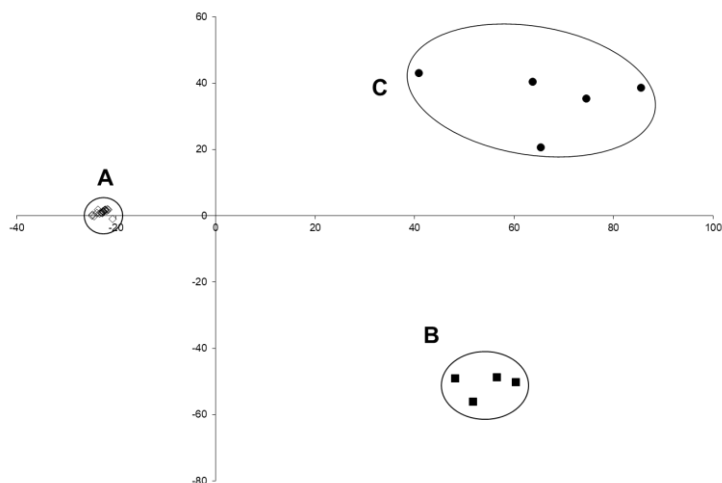


Fig. 1. PCA ordination of the samples (n=33) of *Glycerietum maximae* community recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA; for the explanation of the legends see text).

V.2 *Phragmitetum communis* (Soó 1927 em. Schmale 1939)

Syn.: *Scirpo-Phragmitetum* Koch 1926, *medioeuropaeum* Tx. 1941, *Phragmitetum communis*

The community was described by Soó in 1927 and then Schmale modified the description in 1939 (Borhidi 2003).

Habitat conditions

The stands of reed bed community can be found in the zonation of lakes in mountain region and plains and in the edge of bogs and mires. The surface water cover is generally permanent or may be missing if the thickness of rafts is 2 m or greater.

This community may be present in several types depending on the habitat type (sublitoral sedimentation area) and the type of water bodies (eutrophic, mesotrophic) which is indicated the variable species composition. The vegetation of the stands in oligotrophic habitats is sparse with many species while in eutrophic parts dense, species-poor stands are formed. In the moderately alkaline waters the occurrence of reed is growing against the other elements of reed beds. The terrestrial stands of sediment zone are more species-rich than those standing in water (Borhidi 2003).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Along river Tisza, 50 relevés have been gathered. Twenty two relevés were recorded on percentage scale from 5 stands and 28 recorded on AD scale from 26 stands; date of sampling: 1944-2005. Reed community can be considered as a multilayer association-complex. The uppermost layer is dominated by *Phragmites australis*; *Schoenoplectus lacustris*, *Typha angustifolia* and *T. latifolia* can associate to it. Close to the banks, swamp species are also characteristic such as *Calystegia sepium*, *Lycopus europaeus*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Stachys palustris*. The free-floating *Lemna* species, *Spirodela polyrrhiza* and sometimes *Salvinia natans* form continuous carpets in less dense patches of reed. In some cases the species of the frogbit rafts may occur, for example *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* or *Stratiotes aloides*. In the submerged layer, *Ceratophyllum demersum* and *Najas marina* can be present.

From among the protected species, *Salvinia natans* occurred in the samples of Kengyel-oxbow and Lake Tisza (Tiszavalk, Sarud, Abádszalók), *Nymphoides peltata* was present only in the stand at Sarud. *Clematis integrifolia* and *Leucanthemella serotina* were present in the stands of Maros valley.

Phragmites australis is dominant in each relevé. *Lemna* species and *Glyceria maxima* are the next most abundant. In one stand, *Festuca pseudovina* is co- or subdominant. Further differences can be seen in the strata of the samples.

The historical samples recorded on AD scale do not differ significantly from the recent samples. Subordinate occurrence of certain floodplain-wood species, for example *Salix alba*, *S. triandra*, *S. viminalis*, *Alnus glutinosa* and even invasive elements like *Amorpha fruticosa* indicate minor difference. In certain sites along river Maros, other species may become dominant such as *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris*, *Typha angustifolia*. Later species may form consociation.

Multivariate statistical analysis

On the basis of the eigenvalues, 4 components proved to be important, they accounted for 95.77 % of the total variance of data. The objects do not show clear cut aggregations in connection with the river sections. The distribution of the objects on the scatterplot (Fig. 2) is determined by the cover values of *Phragmites australis*, *Glyceria maxima* and *Festuca pseudovina* along the first axis, and of *Lemna minor* and *Lemna trisulca* along the second axis. The dominance of *Phragmites australis* grows from the left to the right along the first axis. Considerable occurrence of *Glyceria maxima* and *Festuca pseudovina* is associated with the lowest cover values of *Phragmites australis*. The two *Lemna* species are connected with the second axis: larger second axis scores are connected with larger cover values of duckweed species. Cover range of *Lemna trisulca* is much wider than that of *L. minor*.

Centred PCA ordination of data (Fig. 3) recorded on AD scale resulted in a considerable number of components responsible for the total variance; ten components accounted for 76.8 %, and 20 components for 95.7 % of the variance. The objects did not show clear aggregation, those belonging to river Tisza and river Maros did not separate, neither the objects from different river sections. The distribution of the points is determined again by the abundance of *Phragmites australis* along the first axis, and by that of *Lemna minor* and *Typha angustifolia* along the second axis.

The stand of Fokköz forest clearing is special, because the cover value of *Phragmites australis* is low but co- or subdominant *Festuca pseudovina* is facies forming. Beside the former taxa the following species are only present in Fokköz stand: *Achillea collina*, *Artemisia pontica*, *Centaurea pannonica*, *Lotus corniculatus*, *Peucedanum officinale*, *Stellaria graminea*, *Veronica spicata* indicating drier habitats. In the relevés of lower Tisza section (Szolnok-southern border), *Elymus repens*, *Agrostis alba*, *Calamagrostis epigeios*, *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Rubus caesius* have higher cover values that should indicate the degradation of the area. The species composition in the Maros valley is the most diverse, several weed species can be found there like *Aristolochia clematidis*, *Artemisia vulgaris*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Echinocloa crus-galli*, but protected taxa are also recorded like *Leucanthemella serotina*, *Clematis integrifolia*.

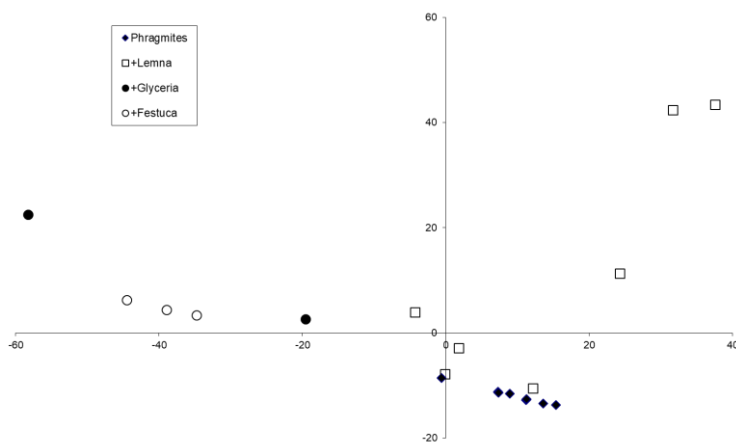


Fig. 2. PCA ordination of the samples (n=22) of *Phragmitetum communis* community recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA). The distribution of the relevés is determined by the increasing abundance of *Phragmites australis* and by the subdominant species.

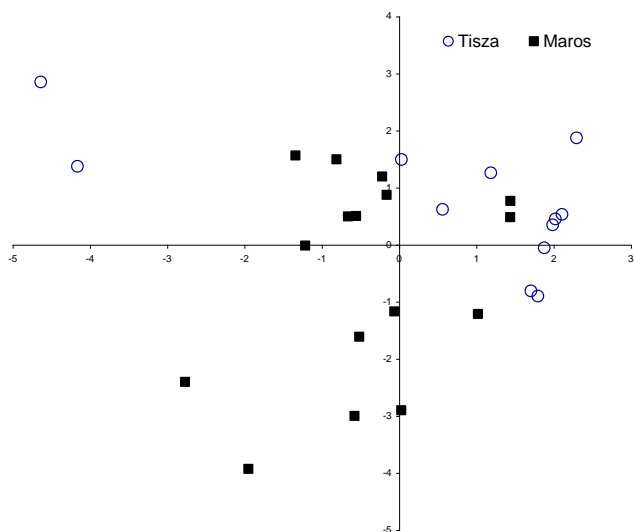


Fig. 3. PCA ordination of the samples (n=28) of *Phragmitetum communis* community recorded on AD scale (centered PCA)

V.3 *Sparganietum erecti* (Roll 1938)

The community was described by Roll in 1938 (Roll, 1938). Soó (1964) did not mention the name of the community, only that of a related one (*Sparganietum minimi hungaricum*) but with doubt. In certain cases it was treated together with *Sparganietum neglecti* Br.-Bl. 1925 em. Philippi 1973 (Rennwald, 2000).

Habitat conditions

Stands of neglected bur-reed communities usually appear on submediterranean plains along lakes, oxbow lakes and slowly flowing waters. This community is typical in oxygen-rich, eutrophic waters where thick sapropel is formed. The stands of this community are fragmented on disturbed bank areas (Borhidi 2003).

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Twenty seven relevés from 10 stands were recorded on percentage scale and 1 relevé on AD-scale along river Tisza. Data were recorded between 1962 and 2005 (cf. Appendix page 181). It can be concluded from the data that this community can generally be characterised by a single layer, but sometimes it consists of two or three layers. In the uppermost layer emerging plant species are present like *Sparganium erectum*, *Glyceria maxima*, *Alisma plantago-aquatica*, *Sagittaria*

sagittifolia. The next layer is formed by free-floating species, and under them submerged species occur forming the lowermost layer. The relevés are mainly dominated by *Sparganium erectum*, but floating and rooting hydrophytes also associate with it such as *Lemna minor*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza*, *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*, *Salvinia natans*, *Nymphaea alba*, *Nuphar lutea*. *Glyceria maxima* is subordinate and not very frequent species of this community. Contrary to the literature (Borhidi, 2003), submerged species like *Myriophyllum spicatum*, *Cerathophyllum demersum* may occur in the community even with considerable coverage.

From among the protected species, *Marsilea quadrifolia* and *Trapa natans* were present in the stands near Pallagcsa-meadow, Óbodrog- and Kengyel-oxbows. *Salvinia natans* occurred in the stands at Lake Bence, Pallagcsa-meadow, Óbodrog- and Kengyel-oxbows and Tiszaalpár in 1982. *Nymphoides peltata* and *Nymphaea alba* were present in the samples recorded at oxbow lake of Tiszaalpár in 1982 and the latter one occurred in one of the samples in 1962.

The difference among the stands is manifested in the number of vegetation layers and in the rate of dominant and accompanying species. *Sparganium erectum* is dominant in the majority of the relevés. Free-floating species such as *Riccia fluitans*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza*, *Lemna trisulca*, *Salvinia natans*, *Marsilea quadrifolia* form facies in certain relevés.

Free-floating species are present in each stand, and they may be associated by large rooted hydrophytes as *Nuphar lutea* and *Trapa natans*. *Cerathophyllum demersum* frequently forms a submerged layer sometimes accompanied or replaced by *Utricularia vulgaris*, *Cerathophyllum submersum* or *Myriophyllum spicatum*. *Iris pseudacorus* performs a considerable coverage in the stand of Lake Bence.

Multivariate statistical analysis

Relevés recorded on percentage scale were analysed with centred principal component analysis. On the basis of the eigenvalues, 6 components proved to be considerable, they accounted for 91.8 % of the total variance. Three distinct groups of the objects could be recognized (Fig. 4).

In the distinction of groups the dominance of *Cerathophyllum demersum*, *Spirodela polyrrhiza* and *Riccia fluitans* played essential role, but also *Lemna trisulca* and *Marsilea quadrifolia* were important. The cover values of *Sparganium erectum* grow from the left to the right along the first axis. Most of the objects are distributed in one compact group, and two very distinct groups can be found on the scatterplot (Fig. 4). Relevés of group B are dominated by *Cerathophyllum demersum*, and those of group C by *Spirodela polyrrhiza* and *Riccia fluitans*. Larger cover values of *Lemna trisulca*, *Salvinia natans* or *Marsilea quadrifolia* in certain relevés did not affect considerably the distribution of the objects in group A.

In the relevé recorded on AD scale and which consists only of 4 species, *Nymphaea alba* is subdominant, and *Typha lathifolia* and *Phragmites australis* occur as accessory species.

No separation of the objects was observed on the basis of the position along the river valley. Though most of the relevés originated from the upper Tisza region and only one relevé from the middle Tiszan region, the regionality seems of secondary importance in the case of this community.

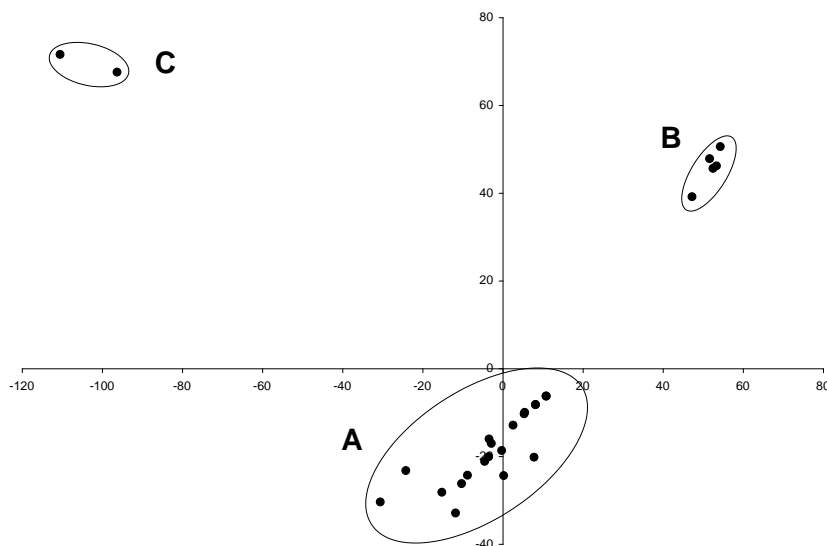


Fig. 4. PCA ordination of the samples (n=27) of *Sparganietum erecti* community recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA; for further explanation see text).

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VI. WATER DROPWORT-FLOWERING RUSH COMMUNITIES – OENANTHETALIA AQUATICAE

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Historical review

The vegetation of medium-height waterside communities has been rather poorly investigated. Several associations and subassociations of this order are specific for the Pannonian floral province, as their loci classici can be found here, therefore they are of great importance in respect of nature conservation and phytogeography. Many of these cenotaxa are named (e.g. Ubrizsy 1948: *Eleocharicetum palustris*, Máthé and Kovács 1967: *Alismato-Eleocharicetum*) or described (Soó 1928: *Oenanthe aquaticae-Rorippetum amphibiae*, Tímár 1947: *Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati*) by Hungarian botanists for the first time. Along the river Tisza, these associations were studied firstly by Tímár (1950) in the river-section Szolnok-Szeged. Later Bodrozközy (1990) carried out researches on these vegetation-types especially in the Bodrogzug. Recently Deák (2001) made coenological surveys in the Csongrád-Nagyvér nature reserve.

The cenological classification of floodplain swamps dominated by *Bolboschoenus maritimus* is not homogeneous (Bölöni *et al.* 2003), as the stands are classified into the group of „Water-fringing helophyte beds of Flowering rush, Spike-rush, Water-plantain, Fine-leaved water dropwort swamps” (B3) according to the Hungarian habitat classification system. According to the latest results, the *Polygono-Bolboschoenetum* and its subassociations – *typicum*, *oenanthetosum*, *Rumex conglomeratus* – described and surveyed by Bodrozközy in 1961 in Tiszafüred (Bodrozközy 1965) can also be classified into this habitat type. In the Vojvodinian Tisza river section, these communities are also named as *Scirpo-Phragmitetum bolboschoenetosum maritim*, where the appearance of *Bolboschoenus maritimus* is considered the consequence of salt-accumulation (Parabucski *et al.* 1989). The monodominant *Sagittaria sagittifolia* marsh is not yet described as an association, but its stands appear sporadically alongside the river Tisza at several places.

From among the associations classified into the *Oenanthetalia aquaticae* order (Borhidi and Sánta 1999) *Eleocharicetum palustris* Ubrizsy 1948, *Alismato-Eleocharicetum* Máthé & Kovács 1967, *Oenantho aquaticae-Rorippetum amphibiae* (Soó 1928) Lohm. 1950, and *Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati* (Tímár 1947) Hejny 1969 appear alongside the river Tisza. *Butomo-Alismatetum plantaginis-aquaticae* (Slavnic 1948) Hejny 1978 is known only from the region of river Danube whereas *Hippuridetum vulgaris* Pass. 1955 just alongside the rivers Drava and Danube.

The order is characterized by very fast and diverse dynamical processes, thus the abundance ratios given in the literature can often not be observed in the stands. The transitional types are very frequent, their abundance relations can change year by year. *Bolboschoenus maritimus* appears often in great proportion in the *Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati* association. Other stands show transitions into *Caricetum gracilis*, floodplain high-weed communities, *Phragmitetum communis* or *Typhetum angustifoliae*. If they dry out fast, *Xanthium italicum* can attack them. If the water remains more permanent the coverage of *Alisma lanceolatum* can increase in *Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati* association.

These communities are typical in the zonation of the backwaters (plesiopotamals) inside the dikes, but they can appear at the oxbow-lakes (paleopotamals) of the saved-side which could be converted arable lands but are covered by inland water during the spring. According to the surface water-coverage and the seasonal changes of the ground-water, certain species gradient may develop that influences the development of the associations, subassociations and their transitions. The members of this species-gradient are ordered as *Oenanthe aquatica* – *Eleocharis palustris* – *Alisma lanceolatum* – *Sagittaria sagittifolia* – *Butomus umbellatus* – *Bolboschoenus maritimus* – *Carex gracilis* – floodplain high-weed species (*Lythrum* spp., *Lysimachia vulgaris*) from the open water-surface to the littoral zone. Because of the annual changes of the water-regime, transitional and incomplete stands can be formed.

VI.1 *Eleocharitetum palustris* (Ubrizsy 1948)

Habitat-characteristics

This community was described from the channels of the rice-fields of Tiszántúl on alkali-sodic soils (Borhidi and Sánta 1999, Bölöni *et al.* 2003), but it can appear in smaller stands alongside the floodplain channels, in navvy-holes, in the littoral zonation of oxbow-lakes inside the dikes due to particular water regime, soil and water chemical conditions.

General features of the species composition

In general the monodominant *Eleocharis palustris* populations constitute the vegetation, but *Typha angustifolia*, *Alisma gramineum*, *Alisma lanceolatum* and *Schoenoplectus supinus* used to occur (Borhidi and Sánta 1999). Some reed-grass species such as *Najas minor* and *Zannichellia palustris* can also appear (Bölöni *et al.* 2003).

Differences of the stands

Alisma gramineum and *Schoenoplectus supinus* are considered as rarer species, their presence increases the nature conservation value of the stands.

Localities

Csongrád, Nagy-Gombás (Csongrád-Nagyrét Nature Reserve);
Hódmezővásárhely, Ányási Holt-Tisza (Mártély Landscape Protection Area).

Further comments

It is often difficult to distinguish from the *Alismato-Eleocharitetum* as their features are similar.

VI.2 *Alismato-Eleocharitetum* (Máthé & Kovács 1967)

Habitat-characteristics

The stands of this community develop on flat floodplains inside the dikes, on fresh alluvium which is regularly flooded for a long period each year (Borhidi and Sánta 1999). Flood lasts until the beginning of summer, but after the fast drying-out the area remains wet during the summer and dries out completely at the end of summer. Small stands are widespread.

General features of the species composition

Beside the dominant *Eleocharis palustris*, *Carex gracilis*, *Ranunculus repens* and the moss *Drepanocladus aduncus* have greater coverage. Further characteristic species are *Carex vulpina*, *Gratiola officinalis* and *Lythrum hyssopifolia* (Borhidi and Sánta 1999, Bölöni *et al.* 2003). *Iris pseudacorus*, *Alisma lanceolatum*, *Butomus umbellatus* or even *Bolboschoenus maritimus* appear frequently in the South-Tisza Floodplain in this community.

Differences of the stands

After the ceasing of the floods, it can transform to a sedge-field (Borhidi and Sánta 1999), but depending on the flood dynamics many kinds of transition can be formed towards the *Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati*, *Caricetum gracilis* or floodplain *Bolboschoenus* marshes. The dynamics and dominance relations of this community may alter broadly year by year depending on the floods.

The stands that contain *Gratiola officinalis* and *Lythrum hyssopifolia* are rare therefore they have a major nature conservation values.

Localities

Navvy-holes on the Csongrád-Szeged Tisza-river section, Nagy-Gombás (Csongrád-Nagyrét Nature Reserve); Hódmezővásárhely, Ányási Holt-Tisza (Mártélyi Landscape Protection Area).

Furtehr comments

The coeno-taxonomical classification of the transitional stands is difficult.

VI.3 *Oenanthe aquatica*-*Rorippa amphibia* (Lohmeyer 1950)

Habitat-characteristics

The stands of this association develop on floodplain depressions (oxbow lakes, channels, navvy-holes) inside the dikes which dry out regularly in the summer and are filled with fresh alluvium of silt, sand and clay. The water of this habitat is rich in nutrients. The annual water-level fluctuation is great. This community can only colonize dry habitat patches (Borhidi and Sánta 1999, Bölöni *et al.* 2003).

General features of the species composition

In its typical development, the association has two layers. *Rorippa amphibia* and *Oenanthe aquatica* are often co-dominants, but the spring season used to be dominated by *Rorippa amphibia*, whereas in the late summer aspect *Oenanthe aquatica* is dominant. Frequent accompanying species are *Ranunculus sceleratus*, *Polygonum amphibium* and *Myosotis palustris* (Borhidi and Sánta 1999, Bölöni *et al.* 2003).

Differences of the sites

In case of improper water dynamics this vegetation may transform to its neighbouring habitats and associations: to sweet-grass swamps, sedge-fields (*Caricetum gracilis*), and *Bidention* or other associations classified into the *Oenanthetalia aquaticae* order.

Since this habitat is rather rare its stands have great nature conservation importance.

Localities

Csongrád, Nagy-Gombás (Csongrád-Nagyrét Nature Reserve), navvy-holes of the Csongrád-Nagyrét Nature Reserve, Keselyzugi Holt-Körös (in Szentes opposite to this nature reserve).

Further comments

In case of sudden early summer dry-out or more permanent aridity, the *Rorippa amphibia* dominated spring-aspect can be transformed with occupation of floodplain ruderal species to a *Bidentalia* community by the autumn of that year.

VI.4 *Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati* ([Tímár 1947] Hejny 1969)

Habitat-characteristics

The European distribution of this continental association is not known properly. It is typical in the littoral zone of shallow (10-20 cm deep), rapidly warming wetlands (navvy-holes, oxbow-lakes inside the dikes) with seasonal floods. It tolerates the slightly alkali-sodic soils, therefore it can appear in channels and archeopotamals of saline areas.

General features of the species-composition

The dominant species of the association is *Butomus umbellatus*, its most common accompanying species is *Alisma lanceolatum* but *Sparganium erectum* and *Sagittaria sagittifolia* are also frequent. Other species dominant in other associations of this order may also appear (e.g. *Eleocharis palustris*).

Differences of the stands

Those stands that are rich in *Carex gracilis* are transitional towards *Caricetum gracilis* sedge-fields. *Bolboschoenus maritimus* appears very frequently and may become co-dominant. Frequent accompanying species come from floodplain meadows, high-weed communities and sedge-fields (e.g. *Lysimachia vulgaris*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Symphytum officinale*, *Mentha aquatica*).

The late-drying stands are open and have just a few species (*Sagittaria sagittifolia* should be more common here), in the autumn floodplain ruderal species (e.g. *Polygonum amphibium*) can appear.

It is a rare association, all the stands have very important nature conservation value.

Localities

Once it has covered great areas alongside the river Tisza before the regulation of the river-ways being a very typical association of the floodplains. Many of its earlier sites are extinct. Existing stands:

Szolnok, Scheftschik-rét
 Szandaszőlős, Rákóczifalva: oxbow lake inside the dikes
 Alpári-rét, Tiszaalpár (Kiskunság National Park)
 Háromág, Búzás and Téfölös oxbow lakes of Bokros-pusztá
 Csongrád, Nagy-Gombás and Szakadás oxbow lakes (Csongrád-Nagyréti
 Nature Reserve)
 Navvy-holes of Csongrád-Nagyrét Nature Reserve
 Small patches in the navvy-holes of the Csongrád-Szeged river section
 Körtevényesi and Ányási Holt-Tisza, Hódmezővásárhely (Mártély Landscape
 Protection Area)
 Hódmezővásárhely, Vajhát
 Navvy-holes of Tápai-rét

Further comments

The transitions are frequent toward large sedges and *Bolboschoenus* dominated swamps.

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VII. TALL HERB COMMUNITIES – MOLINIETALIA

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General description

Tall herb communities grow on flooded areas along rivers, lakes and channels. These habitats can be characterized with the flooding in spring and the drought in summer, and the gley horizon in the soil developed as a consequence of the intensive movement of soil water table. The latter may cause also the salinization of the soil.

The overuse of the areas (grazing, mowing) degrades the communities by decreasing of the proportion of natural generalists and specialists and increasing weed species (Borhidi 2003).

VII.1 *Carici vulpinae-Alopecuretum pratensis* (Máthé & Kovács M. 1967 Soó 1971 corr. Borhidi 1996)

Habitat conditions

Although this community is a characteristic mesotrophic wet meadow located on lowlands but it also occurs in the wide valleys of the Hungarian Northern Mountain Range. The habitats are the regularly flooded areas of riverbeds and other mineral- and phosphate-rich permanently or frequently flooded areas. This community can be formed on loamy soil or meadow soil (Borhidi 2003).

Characterisation of the stands along Tisza and its tributaries

Alltogether 189 relevés of sedge community could be found that were taken along the rivers Tisza, Hármas-Körös and Maros. For details see Appendix page 187. Collected data demonstrated that this community has often two layers – the upper layer consists of tall grasses (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Arrhenatherum elatius*, *Carex* sp.) while dicotyledons (e.g. *Lotus corniculatus*, *Potentilla* spp.) and smaller monocotyledons (e.g. *Festuca pseudovina*) can be found in the lower layer. The community is dominated by *Alopecurus pratensis*. *Carex vulpina* occurs only in a few relevés recorded on percentage scale with low abundance as an accompanying species and is not listed in the records on several occasions at all. The most frequent accompanying species slightly differ from the literature data (Borhidi 2003): *Ranunculus repens*, *Iris pseudacorus*, *Carex melanostachya*, *Lythrum virgatum*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Lysimachia vulgaris*, *Potentilla reptans*, *Ranunculus acris*, *Carex hirta*, *Lotus corniculatus*, *Lychnis flos-cuculi*, *Galium rubioides*. The

distribution of the weed species like *Cirsium arvense*, *Inula britannica*, *Lamium purpureum* indicates certain degradation processes. The number of accidental and xerophilous elements (e.g. *Achillea collina*, *Carex stenophylla*, *Galium verum*) is rather high compared to that of community description (Borhidi 2003). The presence of the numerous taxa with different ecological requirements should be caused by the strong annual and seasonal fluctuation of the water table. This phenomenon can be justified with the occurrence of xerophilous grassland species mentioned above and swamp elements like *Alisma plantago-aquatica*, *Symphytum officinale*, *Juncus compressus*, *Euphorbia lucida*.

The relevés made along Tisza on percent scale can be characterized with the dominance of *Alopecurus pratensis*. The most frequent additional species are: *Galium verum*, *Elymus repens*, *Potentilla reptans*, *Carex distans*, *Carex stenophylla*, *Carex praecox*, *Agrostis alba*, *Carex hirta*, *Poa pratensis*, *Festuca pratensis*, *Arrhenatherum elatius*, *Vicia hirsuta*, *Carex melanostachya*, *Phalaris arundinacea*, *Ranunculus repens*, *Iris pseudacorus*.

One of the relevés of Lake Nyíres (which is totally degraded) differs from the average in the section of North-Eastern border and Tokaj as *Alopecurus pratensis* is not present in the relevé and is replaced by the dominant *Poa angustifolia* and *Tanacetum vulgare*. The latter species refers to the xerophilous, disturbed feature of the sampling area. During the 20th century, most of the semi-natural meadows of Bereg-mires have been cut off and were put in cultivation (Nagy *et al.* 2003). At the area of Tokaj-Szolnok section in the relevé of Sarud, *Drepanocladus aduncus* covers the entire soil surface (the cover value is 100 %). The cover value of *Alopecurus pratensis* is lower but that of *Eleocharis palustris* and *Lythrum virgatum* is higher than the average. In the relevés of Jászapáti and Jásztelek, *Carex distans* and *Carex praecox* are dominant. In the relevés recorded along the River Maros near Bezdin and Sém-lac, *Alopecurus pratensis* is not present or has lower cover values and the stands are dominated or co-dominated by *Carex hirta*, *Festuca pratensis*, *Agrostis alba* or *Carex vulpina*. In the relevés along river Maros, *Galium verum* is dominant which refers to a drier and more degraded state.

In most of the relevés recorded on AD scale along river Tisza, *Alopecurus pratensis* is dominant or co-dominant, and further frequent species are: *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Lamium purpureum*, *Poa angustifolia*, *Potentilla reptans*, *Trifolium repens*, *Ranunculus repens*, *Galium rubioides*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Symphytum officinale*, *Taraxacum officinale*, *Glycyrrhiza echinata*, *Lotus corniculatus*, *Lythrum virgatum*.

The relevé recorded at Kisar is polidominant. It differs from the average of the section of North-Eastern border—Tokaj since *Ajuga reptans*, *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, *Leucanthemum vulgare* ssp. *vulgare*, *Lysimachia nummularia* and *Poa pratensis* are the dominant taxa. *Ranunculus acris* is dominant in the relevé at Vászárosnamény, and in the relevés at Tiszaadony-Tiszakerecsend *Agrostis stolonifera* as well. *Alopecurus pratensis* has rather low cover in the later site. In

the section between Tokaj and Szolnok in one relevé near Tokaj, *Agrostis stolonifera* and *Eleocharis palustris* are codominant and *Alopecurus pratensis* is subordinate. In this region some of the relevés are co-dominated by *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Cichorium intybus*, *Equisetum arvense*, *Poa angustifolia*, *Ranunculus repens*, *Rorippa sylvestris*, *Taraxacum officinale*. *Alopecurus pratensis* is subordinate again. In one of the relevés in the Szolnok-Southern border section, the cover value of *Alopecurus pratensis* is low. In another relevé of the same section at Nagyrév, *Alopecurus pratensis* is replaced by *A. geniculatus* that refers to a permanent water cover.

The protected species of the community in certain localities are the following: *Aster punctatus* – Cserőköz; *Clematis integrifolia* – Tiszafüred, Apátfalva, Gyügerzug and in the stands on the west from it, Makó, Maroslele, Maroslele-pasture, Tápérét; *Gentianella ciliata* – Tiszafüred; *Lathyrus palustris* – Kisar, between Tokaj and Szolnok; *Leucanthemella serotina* – Tiszaalpár, Lake Nyíres, Mártély, Szolnok-southern border; *Leucojum aestivum* - Makó, Maroslele; *Orchis laxiflora* ssp. *palustris* – Tőserdő.

Multivariate statistical analysis

Relevés recorded on percentage scale were analysed with centred principal component analysis. On the basis of the eigenvalues, 10 components accounted for 85.8 % of the total variance of data (due to the large number of species). The separation of the points on the scattergram (Fig.1) is not very clear-cut. Points scattered along the first axis belong mainly to river Tisza and those along the second axis belong mainly to river Maros. On the other hand, the two directions of the range of points should be attributed to the cover values of the two dominant species. The dominance of *Alopecurus pratensis* increases along the first axis from the left to the right, this species associated with the first component. The cover value of *Galium verum* decreases from the top to the bottom along the second axis, and this species can be associated with the second component. In certain relevés the cover of *Alopecurus pratensis* is quite low (0-5 %), it is absent from certain relevés or is present as a subordinate species. The co-dominance of the two species is very rare.

The relevés characterized by the absence or low dominance of *Alopecurus pratensis* are dominated by *Carex hirta*, *Festuca pratensis*, *Arrhenatherum elatius*, *Poa angustifolia* or *Elymus repens*. The relevé with the dominance of *Cirsium arvense* was probably recorded in a degraded patch of the study area and this sample indicates the inhomogeneity of the stand. It is interesting that in one of the separated samples *Drepanocladus aduncus* forms facies.

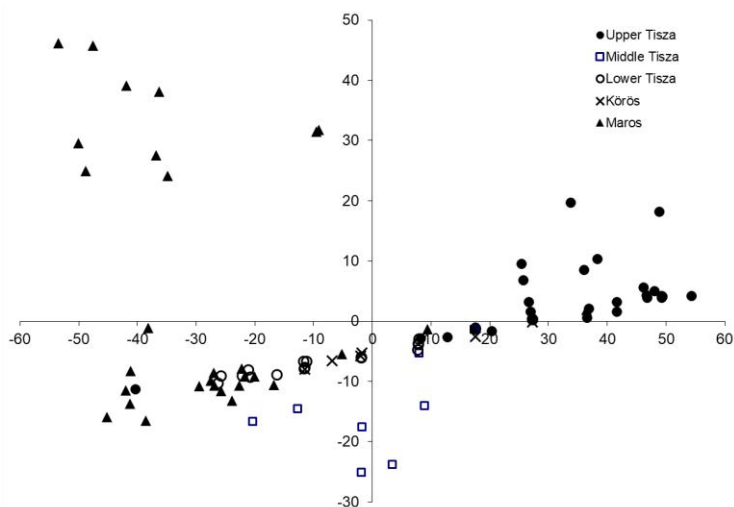


Fig. 1. PCA ordination of the 90 relevés of *Carici vulpinae-Alopecuretum* community recorded on percentage scale (centered PCA). Separation of the points is mainly due to the position along the rivers.

Relevés recorded on AD scale seem much more homogeneous on the basis of the ordination. The original AD values were converted according to van der Maarel (1979) prior to the analysis. The relevés were analysed with centred principal component analysis again. On the basis of the eigenvalues, 15 components accounted for 74,7 % of the total variance; the number of species was large again. It can be summarized that no definite grouping of the objects can be recognized at the scatter diagram therefore the diagram is not presented.

The above examples refer to the wide tolerance of *Alopecurus pratensis* because the occurrence of this species ranges from xerophilous grasslands to marshmeadows.

Examining the distribution of social behaviour types (SBT; Borhidi 1999) of the species groups on the basis of the data from the last 50 years, the proportion of specialist with low tolerance did not change considerably between the earlier (AD scale data) and later (% scale data) records (Table 1). More specialist species were found in the lower section and less in the upper section of Tisza and no specialist was found along river Maros. The proportion of the competitors grew in the middle and upper sections of Tisza while decreased in the lower section and along Maros.

Table 1. Percentage distribution of social Behavior Types in the relevés along River Tisza and Maros (between 1958-2006)

	Upper Tisza/North-Eastern border-Tokaj/		Middle-Tisza /Tokaj-Szolnok/		Lower-Tisza /Szolnok-Southern border/		Maros	
	AD	%	AD	%	AD	%	AD	%
S	4	3	5	3	4	5	4	
C	7	8	9	18	12	7	8	5
G	27	32	31	13	29	28	25	18
NP	5	1	3		3	3	2	2
DT	42	39	34	42	33	38	38	43
W	11	10	15	11	12	14	18	21
I			2	3				
RC	2	6	1	8	4	5	4	7
AC	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	3
n	106	38	88	94	118	155	113	108

- S (+6): Stress tolerant specialists of narrow ecological range
 Natural competitors, dominant species, which are able to stabilize the composition and functioning of the community over a longer period and preserve the structure and basic characteristics of the community from strange effects for a longer time
- C (+5): Stress tolerant generalists, species of wide ecological range or tolerance living in natural plant communities, mostly perennials, do not tolerate anthropogenic disturbance
- G (+4): Natural pioneers, important resilience factors, important means of the rehabilitation processes
- NP (+3): Disturbance tolerants, generally pioneer elements of the secondary successions mostly perennials of roads and banks
- DT (+2): Weeds, members of plant communities living on artificial habitats or those heavily disturbed by frequently long lasting anthropogenic influence
- W (+1): Introduced alien species
- I (-1): Ruderal competitors, dominant or type-forming weeds able to transform the habitat and modify the successional trend
- RC (-2): Aggressive alien species or invaders
- AC (-3): number of species
- n

Number of generalists decreased everywhere except for Upper Tisza. Number of the natural pioneers did not change considerably at the Lower Tisza and along Maros, it decreased at Upper Tisza and they disappeared from the middle section. The number of natural disturbance-tolerant species increased everywhere, except for Upper-Tisza. The natural weed species were present in a quite great number in the newer relevés except for Middle-Tisza, where invasive species were found. The number of ruderal competitors increased everywhere; it was the most serious in the region of Middle-Tisza. The number of invasive species decreased at Upper and Lower Tisza but increased in the Middle Tisza region and along Maros.

Summarizing the results, we can see that in the recent samples (recorded on % scale) fewer sensitive competitor and generalist species occur while the number of disturbance tolerant, weed species is higher thus a certain kind of degradation can be observed comparing to the earlier samples (made on AD scale).

Further on, it can also be stated about the samples along Tisza and mainly along Maros that the ratio of swamp elements (like *Symphytum officinale*, *Juncus compressus*, *Euphorbia lucida*) decreased that refers to the desiccation and degradation of the habitats. As the relevés cover a long period of time the observed differences for example the appearance of xerophilous grassland species may be the consequence of climatic changes.

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VIII. PANNONIC SALINE MEADOWS — SCORZONERO-JUNCETALIA GERARDII

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Beckmannion eruciformis Soó 1933

Introduction

Alkali grasslands and marshes are typical in continental climate, at sites with at least moderate soil salt content and dynamic changes in water regime (Deák *et al.* 2014a, Eliáš *et al.* 2013, Valkó *et al.* 2014). Alkali landscapes of the Pannonian biogeographical region are considered as the westernmost occurrences of the Eurasian steppes (Dengler *et al.* 2014, Wesche *et al.* 2016). With an extension of more than 210,000 hectares they represent the most continuous salt-affected landscape in continental Europe (Deák *et al.* 2014a). These landscapes hold an extremely high habitat diversity with numerous associations which form a complex mosaic structure even at a very fine-scale (Deák *et al.* 2014a,b,c, Eliáš *et al.* 2013, Török *et al.* 2012).

Alkali meadows are typical elements of the alkali landscapes. There are two major types of alkali meadows characterised by marked differences in the soil properties of the habitat (Borhidi *et al.* 2012). On solonetz soil the order of *Beckmannion eruciformis* Soó 1933, on solonchak soil the order of *Scorzonero-Juncion gerardii* (Wendelberg. 1943) Vicherek 1973 is typical. In this chapter we discuss the solonetz type, because this type is typical along the river Tisza and its tributary streams. Solonetz meadows are widespread on the alkali soils of the Great Plain (Deák *et al.* 2014a). They can be found in a great extent in Borsod, Heves, Hortobágy, Nagyunság, Jászság and Körös-vidék regions. The order *Beckmannion eruciformis* Soó 1933 is related to *Festuco-Puccinetalia* Soó 1968, *Bolboschoenetalia maritimi* Hejny 1967, *Molinietalia* Koch 1926 and to the *Peucedano officinalis*–*Asterion sedifolii* Borhidi 1996 orders regarding site characteristics and species composition (Borhidi *et al.* 2012, Deák *et al.* 2014b,c, 2015). The three most widespread associations of solonetz meadows are *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* Soó 1933 corr. Borhidi 2003, *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* Rapaics ex Soó 1930 and *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* Magyar ex Soó 1933 corr. Borhidi 2003.

The solonetz meadows are tall grass meadows, which are covered by shallow water from early spring even to midsummer. From June or July they get dry and do to the desiccation polygonal splits often appear on the soil surface. For the development of alkali soils, a high groundwater level rich in salts and also a

continental climate is needed (Molnár & Borhidi 2003, Tóth 2010). In the dry period, intensive evaporation elevates the salts to the surface through the capillary zone. The solonetz meadows are formed on meadow soils, with moderate salt accumulation in the deeper horizons (usually in B horizon). The humus content of the A horizon is high. That is why the pH of the surface is near to neutral even the soil is alkaline in the deep.

In alkali landscapes, the solonetz meadows are typically located between the salt marshes and alkali steppes (Bodrogekőzy 1980, Deák *et al.* 2014b). Solonetz meadows form either a narrow transition zone between dry alkali steppes and marshes or they can form large stands of several hectares extension. They usually form a habitat mosaic with loess grasslands, alkali steppes, smaller patches of alkali and non-alkali marshes and with other alkali associations, like *Puccinellietum limosae* Magyar ex Soó 1933, *Plantagini tenuiflorae–Pholiuretum pannonicum* Wendelberg 1943, *Camphorosmetum annuae* Rapaics ex Soó 1933.

Besides the pristine alkali meadows, there are several thousand hectares of meadows of secondary origin along the river Tisza. Some of the extended alkali areas in Hungary are ancient formations, which were present before human interventions (Molnár & Borhidi 2003, Sümegi *et al.* 2000, 2013). Most of the secondary alkali meadows developed after the regulation of the Tisza and its tributary streams. This process is well documented by the maps of the 1st (1763-87), 2nd (1819-1869) and 3rd (1869-1887) Military Surveys of Hungary. Due to the altered water balance after the landscape-scale river regulation campaigns, alkali meadows developed at the location of former marshes by secondary salinisation and some meadows that were not alkali in the past also became salt-affected. The species pool of secondary meadows is generally less diverse than that of the ancient alkali meadows (Molnár & Borhidi 2003).

Characteristic species of the solonetz meadows

Solonetz meadows usually have two herb layers. In the upper layer the dominant tall grass species are *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Glyceria fluitans* and *Elymus repens*. In the lower layer typical species are *Cerastium dubium*, *Galium palustre*, *Inula britannica*, *Juncus compressus*, *Juncus gerardi*, *Leonurus marrubiastrum*, *Lotus glaber*, *Lycopus* spp., *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Lythrum virgatum*, *Mentha aquatica*, *Mentha pulegium*, *Oenanthe silaifolia*, *Ranunculus lateriflorus*, *Ranunculus repens*, *Ranunculus sardous*, *Rorippa sylvestris* ssp. *kernerii*, *Rumex stenophyllus* and *Veronica scutellata*. Species typical to salt marshes (*Bolboschoenus maritimus*), non-alkali meadows (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and dry alkali grasslands (*Achillea collina*, *Centaurea pannonica*, *Limonium gmelini* ssp. *hungarica*) also occur in solonetz meadows. There are some species that indicate silt accumulation processes, such as *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Eleocharis uniglumis*, *Eleocharis palustris*, *Myosurus*

minimus, *Pholiurus pannonicus* and *Plantago tenuiflora*. These species are common in Puccinellenion limosae Soó 1933 em. Varga & V. Sípós ex Borhidi 2003 hoc loco too. There are some endemic species in solonetz meadows; the most widespread one is the *Cirsium brachycephalum*, which can form stands of even several hectares extension. Other endemic species is *Limonium gmelinii* ssp. *hungaricum*.

Solonetz meadows are sensitive to the water support. After a longer period with precipitation over or under average they can transform into other associations within the class; even they can transform to a dry grassland or marsh. If the water supply is not sufficient, the constant species (*Agrostis stolonifera*) of the association decreases in cover, and a few grass species become dominant. In some cases the cover of dry grassland species (*Festuca pseudovina*, *Poa angustifolia*, *Podospermum canum*, *Trifolium* spp.) and occasionally weedy species (e.g. *Cirsium arvense*, *Cirsium vulgare*, *Myosotis arvensis*) increases due to severe drought. Inadequate water supply or the lack of trampling by grazers leads to the desintegration of the tussock sturcture of the solonetz meadows.

Solonetz meadows are generally inadequate for ploughing, because of the moist soil conditions and the salt accumulation in the deeper horizon. The productivity of the meadows considerably depends on the precipitation of the actual year. If they are not managed, litter can accumulate, which causes decrease in the diversity of annuals and biennials (Kelemen *et al.* 2013). Solonetz meadows, like other natural associations on solonetz soils, are usually not invaded by invasive species, because of the special environmental conditions caused by the high salt content of the soil.

Material and methods

Studied associations and the relevés

We followed Borhidi (2003) for syntaxa and Simon (2000) for taxa. The following associations, affected by Tisza River are discussed in this paper:

- Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* Soó 1933 corr. Borhidi 2003
- Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis* Rapaics ex Soó 1930
- Agrostio stoloniferae–Glycerietum pedicellatae* Magyar ex Soó 1933 corr. Borhidi 2003
- Agrostio–Caricetum distantis* Rapaics ex Soó 1938
- Eleochari–Alopecuretum geniculati* (Ujvárosi 1937) Soó 1947
- Rorippo kernerii–Ranunculetum lateriflori* (Soó 1947) Borhidi 1996

The relevés used in the paper are summarized in Table 1. Most of the relevés were recorded on percentage scale except for old relevés.

Table 1. Summary of relevés used for studying solonetz meadows. Abbreviation of the associations: AgrAlo – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*; AgrBeck – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*; AgrGly – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*; AgrCar – *Agrostio*–*Caricetum distantis*; EleoAlo – *Eleochari*–*Alopecuretum geniculati*.

Associat- ion	Region	Location	Date of survey	Publisher	No. of relevés	No. of species
AgrAlo	Gyöngyös - Heves vidéke	Sarud (Hídvégpusz- ta); Tarnaszentmiklós (Garabont); Heves (Doktortanya-dűlő) Pély (Tag-dűlő)	2004, 2005	Schmotzer (unpubl.)	5	44
AgrAlo	Körös-vidék	Vésztő	1998	Penksza (1998)	2	21
AgrAlo	Jászság	Rákóczi falva	2002	Gallé (2002)	5	16
AgrAlo	Nagykunság	Nagyiván	2004	Molnár (NBmR)	20	10
AgrAlo	Nagykunság	Egyek-Pusztakócs	2004, 2007	Deák (unpubl.)	10	26
AgrAlo	Hortobágy	Nyírólapos	2006	Deák (unpubl.)	10	12
AgrAlo	Hortobágy	Nyírólapos	2006	Deák (unpubl.)	10	8
AgrAlo	Maros-szög	Deszki-puszt	2006	Aradi (unpubl.)	9	28
AgrAlo	Hortobágy	É-Hortobágy	1963	Bodrogekőzy (1965)	15	41
AgrAlo	Hortobágy	NA	1934	Soó (1933)	1	45
AgrBeck	Hortobágy	Nyírólapos	2001	Deák (unpubl.)	6	10
AgrBeck	Nagykunság	Nagyiván	2004	Molnár (NBmR)	20	17
AgrBeck	Nagykunság	Egyek-Pusztakócs	2004, 2007	Deák (unpubl.)	10	33
AgrBeck	Maros-szög	Deszki-puszt	2006	Aradi (unpubl.)	4	18
AgrBeck	Hortobágy	É-Hortobágy	1963	Bodrogekőzy (1965)	10	25
AgrBeck	Hortobágy	NA	1934	Soó (1933)	1	30
AgrCar	Maros-szög	Deszki-puszt	2006	Aradi (unpubl.)	4	15
AgrGly	Hortobágy	É-Hortobágy	1963	Bodrogekőzy (1965)	10	30
AgrGly	Hortobágy	NA	1934	Soó (1933)	1	29
AgrGly	Nagykunság	Egyek-Pusztakócs	2007	Deák (unpubl.)	5	10
AgrGly	Hortobágy	Nyírólapos	2001	Deák (unpubl.)	5	8
EleoAlo	Nagykunság	Egyek-Pusztakócs	2004	Deák (unpubl.)	5	22

Statistical analysis, life forms, and social behaviour types

Our goal was to describe the solonetz meadow associations which have been affected by the Tisza River in present days or in the past. The studied regions were Gyöngyös-Heves-vidéke, Hortobágy, Nagykunság, Jászság, Maros-szög and Körös-vidék. First, we provided a literature review on the solonetz meadows along river Tisza. Second, we characterized the species composition of the solonetz meadows using the relevés available until 2010 (submission date of this chapter) (Table 1). Non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS), based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarity was used to explore the differences among associations and regions. For the NMDS we used all of the published relevés except the pooled relevés of Soó (1933). Finally, we compared the three most widespread associations (*Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* and *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*) based on their Relative Ecological Indicator Values (SB, WB), Raunkiaer's life forms, Social Behaviour Types, Phytosociological groups and Flora elements of their species pool. The A-D values of the relevés were transformed to percentage cover when it was necessary.

Result and discussion

Literature on the solonetz meadows along the Tisza River

Systematic research on the solonetz meadows was initiated by Magyar and Rapaics at the beginning of the 20th century. Rapaics (1916, 1918) described the physiognomy, environmental parameters and species pool of the alkali associations of Hortobágy; among them, he also discussed the solonetz meadows. Later he described the alkali associations of the Middle-Tisza Region, and of Szeged (Rapaics 1927a, 1927b). Magyar (1928) was the first who made the classification of the main solonetz meadow associations. He gave a comprehensive description of the plant associations of the Hortobágy. Soó (1931) evaluated the origin of the flora of Hortobágy. He suggested that Hortobágy was a secondary formation of degraded grasslands, which resulted from human disturbances (regulation of Tisza River, establishing of Árkus-channel, cutting of forests, herding). In a latter article (Soó 1933) he described the associations of the Hortobágy in detail. He categorized the solonetz meadows of the Beckmannion eruciformis association group. Máthé (1941) described the flora elements and the most widespread solonetz meadows of the Hortobágy.

Bodrogekőzy published several articles about solonetz meadows along the Tisza and its tributary streams. In his paper „Ecology of the Halophilic Vegetation of the Pannonicum” (Bodrogekőzy 1963) he described vegetation and soil conditions of the Northern-Hortobágy, Árkus-pusztá and Máta-pusztá. He published coenologi-

cal data of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*, *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* and described the soil of them. He described several variants of the associations. He studied the productivity of the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* associations along the River Maros near Nagylak (Bodrogközy 1972). He also reviewed the vegetation of Körös-region and Maros-basin (Bodrogközy 1980). Jakucs (1976) gave a comprehensive general review of solonetz meadows of Hortobágy. The occurrences of typical plants of Hortobágy were listed in the flora monograph of Szujkó-Lacza (1982). Varga-Sípos *et al.* (1982) described the vegetation, animal assemblages and soil of the solonetz meadows of eastern Hortobágy in their nature protection guide about Nyári-járás. Varga-Sípos (1984) reviewed the papers of Magyar, Soó and Bodrogközy and made a synthetic coenological table of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* and *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* associations. There is a similar detailed description in the paper of Varga-Sípos & Varga (1993). Tóth & Kertész (1996) analysed the relationship between vegetation and soil in an *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* in Hortobágy. Zalatnai & Körmöczi (2004) studied the fine-scale pattern of the boundary zones in alkaline grassland communities. Molnár & Borhidi (2003) discussed the origin, landscape history and syntaxonomy of the Hungarian alkali vegetation. Eliaš *et al.* (2013) provided a comprehensive classification of the continental alkali vegetation of Europe. Ladányi *et al.* (2016) studied the soil and vegetation changes due to hydrologically driven desalinization process in an alkaline wetland near Szeged. Erdős *et al.* (2011) studied the effect of land use on the vegetation of alkali grasslands. Lukács *et al.* (2017) published a comprehensive summary on new floristic data in the Hortobágy region.

In the recent decades, researchers at the University of Debrecen, Department of Ecology and the MTA-DE Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Research Group studied the mechanisms shaping the species composition of alkali vegetation of the Hortobágy and the conservation, management of alkali vegetation of these unique habitats. Deák *et al.* (2014a) provided evidence for the relationship between micro-topography and vegetation zonation in alkali habitats using remotely sensed data. They developed a new methodology for large-scale habitat mapping in alkali landscapes based on hyperspectral (Burai *et al.* 2015) and laser-scanned data (Alexander *et al.* 2015, 2016, Zlinszky *et al.* 2015). They evaluated the diversity-productivity relationships (Kelemen *et al.* 2013, 2015) and also the role of soil seed bank in the vegetation dynamics in alkali habitats (Valkó *et al.* 2014). The effects of rainfall fluctuations on the fine-scale vegetation dynamics of alkali grasslands and wetlands is discussed by Lukács *et al.* (2015).

A synthesis on the solonetz meadow vegetation, regarding species composition and conservation challenges was published by Deák *et al.* (2014b). They synthesised the conservation and management prospects of alkali grasslands (Török

et al. 2012) and alkali marshes (Deák *et al.* 2014c) of Central-Europe. Deák & Tóthmérész (2006, 2007) studied the effect of mowing on *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* in Hortobágy (Nyírólapos). They studied effect of reed harvesting on the diversity and productivity of alkali wetlands (Deák *et al.* 2015a) and the role of grazing (Godó *et al.* 2017, Godó 2018, Kovácsné Koncz *et al.* 2018, Török *et al.* 2014, 2016, 2018, Tóth *et al.* 2018) and fire (Valkó *et al.* 2016) in shaping alkali habitats. Spontaneous regeneration of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* on soil-filled drainage channels was evaluated by Deák *et al.* (2015b) and Valkó *et al.* (2015, 2017).

General description of the studied associations

VIII.1 *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* Soó 1933 corr. Borhidi 2003

This widespread association is situated on the least alkali soils (1st class). Stands of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* are formed on slightly solonitized meadow soil. A and B horizons are leached, calcium carbonate and soda occurs in deeper horizons. The soil is poor in water-soluble salts (Bodrogekőzy 1963). This is the driest type of alkali meadows. *Alopecurus pratensis* can tolerate a wide range of soil moisture; thus it is present even under relatively dry soil conditions (Bodrogekőzy 1965). After the temporal water cover in spring and early summer stands of this association usually dry out and have a polygonally split soil. This association often located between dry steppes and wet alkali meadows like *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* or *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* (Deák *et al.* 2014a). Depending on the water supply (precipitation, water from snowmelt), this association can have dry grassland or marsh characteristics and it can even turn into these associations. Due to this phenomenon, the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* stands are rich in species and are rather variable (Deák *et al.* 2014b).

Its dominant tall grass species are *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Elymus repens* and *Agrostis stolonifera*. The association has an *Elymus repens* facies (Varga 1982), where *Elymus repens* replaces *Alopecurus pratensis* and becomes a dominant or at least subdominant species. In solonetz meadows *Elymus repens* does not behave like a ruderal competitor; it may be regarded as a competitor regarding the Social Behaviour Types (Borhidi 1995). Formation of this *Elymus repens* facies generally occurs due to regional level desiccation or changes in management. We found this facies in the coenological data of the Nagykunság, Hortobágy and in Deszki-puszta. In case of continuous and sufficient water supply and presence of grazing, tussocks formed by *Agrostis stolonifera* can be present. If the habitat gets dry, steppe species establish there, such as *Festuca pseudovina*, *Poa angustifolia*, *Trifolium* spp., *Achillea collina* and *Plantago lanceolata*. In stands where salt accumulation is high

Limonium gmelinii ssp. *hungaricum* may occur, occasionally together with the protected and regionally rare *Prospero paratheticum* (Deák *et al.* 2015c). This process usually takes place on the boundaries of the habitats (Bodrogekőzy 1965). *Carex praecox* as a subordinate species appear in the relevés of the Middle-Tisza and Maros regions. In every relevés *Juncus* species (*Juncus effusus*, *J. conglomeratus*, *J. compressus*, *J. gerardi*) occur with high frequency and cover. *J. gerardi* is the only species, which is present only in relevés of the Deszki-puszt. Due to heavy grazing and trampling *Trifolium fragiferum* and *Lotus tenuis* might appear.

In the relevés of Soó (1933), there are several species that are not typical to the alkali meadows of the Hortobágy. There are many dry (alkali and loess) grassland species, even ruderal ones (*Achillea collina*, *Centaurea pannonica*, *Festuca pseudovina*, *Salvia austriaca*, *Silene viscosa*, *Verbascum phoeniceum*). The presence of *Artemisia pontica*, *Aster sedifolius* ssp. *sedifolius*, *Odontites rubra* and *Peucedanum officinale* is not common in the meadows of the region. The reason for this difference is that Soó made a pooled “typical” relevé from several surveys of the region. That is why the species of other habitats are also included in the list. They may originate from the surveys that were made in the one of the two *Galatello–Quercetum roboris* Zólyomi Tallós 1967 (Ohat, Újszentmargita) forests, and/or other *Peucedano–Asteretum sedifolii* Soó 1947 corr. Borhidi 1996 stands.

Bodrogekőzy (1965) described four variants of *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* from the Northern-Hortobágy. These variants can be considered as facies. The four variants are *beckmannietosum*, *juncetosum conglomerati*, *normale*, *normale trifoliosum fragiferi*. The *beckmannietosum* is considerably salt affected. It is very close to the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis* regarding its species composition. The *juncetosum conglomerati* is rarely mentioned as an alkali meadow association. As Bodrogekőzy described it, it is a wet and less alkali meadow with the dominance of *Juncus conglomeratus*, which is not a typical alkali plant species. In this association several hygrophilous species occur (*Ranunculus* spp.). It often appears in disturbed, grazed areas. The *normale trifoliosum fragiferi* type develops if the meadow dries out and if intensive grazing and trampling occurs. Here the cover of dry steppe species, such as *Leontodon autumnalis*, *Trifolium fragiferum*, *Lotus tenuis*, *Festuca pseudovina* and *Podospermum canum* increases considerably, while the cover of *Agrostis stolonifera* and *Alopecurus pratensis* decreases. This subtype is susceptible to weed encroachment (*Artemisia vulgaris*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Pulicaria vulgaris*). These subtypes show that the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* changes dynamically related to the environmental factors. *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* stands are usually utilized as hay meadow or grazed by cattle.

VIII.2 *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* Rapaics ex Soó 1930

Agrostio stoloniferae–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* is formed on soils with the highest salt content (2nd and 3rd class alkali soils) amongst alkali meadows. The highest salt content is present in stands, which dry out in midsummer. Soil of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* has a loose structure. Thick columnar structure may be found in the B horizon (Bodrogközy 1963). Surface water cover is typical in spring and early summer, but the habitat dries out frequently in midsummer. The dominant grass species are *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, and *Beckmannia eruciformis*, which form tussocks in case of proper water supply. Like the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*, it has several hygrophyte species. It has more halophyte species (like *Aster tripolium* ssp. *pannonicum* and *Puccinellia limosa*) than the other meadow associations. In this association due to high salt content and good water balance, species of salt marshes like *Bolboschoenus maritimus* are often found. *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* is a more stable association than *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* as it has more permanent water supply. The high salt content inhibits the establishment of several species, which are present in the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* association, but not salt-tolerant enough to survive here. The *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* stands are usually not utilized for hay making because their wet soil is not suitable for the machinery, but used as pastures for cattle.

VIII.3 *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* Magyar ex Soó 1933 corr. Borhidi 2003

The association occurs on 1st class alkali soils similarly to *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, but in lower depressions; that is why it has a more permanent water cover. It is the wettest alkali meadow association. The soil surface dries out only in extreme dry summers (Bodrogközy 1965). Its soil is eluviated, thus its solonetz character is poor. It has little salt content in both horizons. Due to the effect of permanent water cover, columnar structure is generally absent (Bodrogközy 1965). This association often forms a transition zone between the drier alkali meadows and marshes, especially *Schoenoplectetum tabernaemontani* Soó 1947 (Deák *et al.* 2014c, 2015a). The species pool is very similar to the associations mentioned above, but it has a more homogenous species composition, because it is characterised by more balanced water conditions. The dominant grass species are *Glyceria fluitans* and *Agrostis stolonifera*. As subordinate species *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Eleocharis* spp., *Epilobium tetragonum* and *Lycopus europaeus* are present. Several marsh species occur there, such as *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris* ssp. *lacustris* and *Schoenoplectus lacustris* ssp. *tabernaemontani*. In this association tussock formation is not typical.

Bodrogekőzy (1965) differentiated three variants based on their water regime. The wettest subtype is *baldingerosum*; and there is a typicum, and a *beckmanniosum* variant, the latter showing a transition towards the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*. That is why the relevés of Bodrogekőzy (1965) have a high species number. Soó's relevé has high species number because it is a pooled survey like in case of the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*. Stands of this association are often unmanaged; they generally cannot be mown by machine because of the permanently wet soil. If the surroundings of the stand are grazed, cattle may feed here.

VIII.4 *Agrostio*–*Caricetum distantis* Rapaics ex Soó 1938

Formerly it was treated as a subassociation, and was described as *Agrostidetum stoloniferae* Soó (1940) 1968 in the Red Data Book (Borhidi, 1999). This association is formed on 2nd class alkali soils. Its dominant species are *Agrostis stolonifera* and *Carex distans*. Subordinate species like *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Aster tripolium* ssp. *pannonicus*, *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Cirsium brachycephalum* and *Plantago maritima* are present in areas that are affected by silt deposition. *Agrostio*–*Caricetum distantis* shows a transition to *Puccinellietum limosae*. Tussock forming is typical in this association. Stands of this association are usually mowed or grazed.

VIII.5 *Eleochari*–*Alopecuretum geniculati* (Ujvárosi 1937) Soó 1947

This association shows relationship with *Plantagini tenuiflorae*–*Pholiuretum pannonicum* but it remains wet until midsummer while *Plantagini tenuiflorae*–*Pholiuretum pannonicum* gets dry earlier.. Silt deposition is typical similarly to *Agrostio*–*Caricetum distantis*. Some of its species are common with *Plantagini tenuiflorae*–*Pholiuretum pannonicum* and *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*. Usually the stands of *Eleochari*–*Alopecuretum geniculati* are species-poor. Constant species are *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Eleocharis palustris* and *E. uniglumis*.

VIII.6 *Rorippo kernerii*–*Ranunculetum lateriflori* (Soó 1947) Borhidi 1996

This association generally occurs in the matrix of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*. It is formed on the permanently wet areas, which are rich in silt. It is rich in dicotyledonous species which favour soils affected by silt deposition. Typical species are *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Eleocharis palustris*, *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Elatine alsinastrium*, *Peplis portula*, *Ranunculus aquatilis*, *R. lateriflorus* and *Rorippa sylvestris* ssp. *kernerii*.

Ordination of the studied associations

The species composition of all studied associations are plotted on Figure 1.

Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis

Relevés from Gyöngyös-Heves-vidéke, Nagykunság, Jászság and Maros-szög compose a considerably compact group (Figure 1). The relevés from Gyöngyös-Heves-vidéke does not have a typical species pool, as they contain many species of dry grasslands (Figure 2). Their species number is high (Heves 5 relevés 44 species). Relevés from Körös-vidék shows the same pattern (2 relevés 21 species). Relevés from Nagykunság are more heterogeneous. The reason for this is that the certain relevés were carried out in a vegetation mapping project, thus they are far from each other. One of the relevés was made in an extremely weedy (*Cirsium arvense*) stand, thus it is further away from the other relevés of the association on the scatter plot of the ordination. In spite of being weedy (which usually indicates pure water supply and high level of disturbance), this area is fairly wet which is indicated by the high cover of *Agrostis stolonifera*. Thus, this relevé is located near the group of *Agrostio–Caricetum distantis* (Figure 1). Relevés from Maros-szög overlap with the relevés from Nagykunság. The relevé No.118 is a facies of *Elymus repens*. It does not contain *Alopecurus pratensis*, but many dry grassland species.

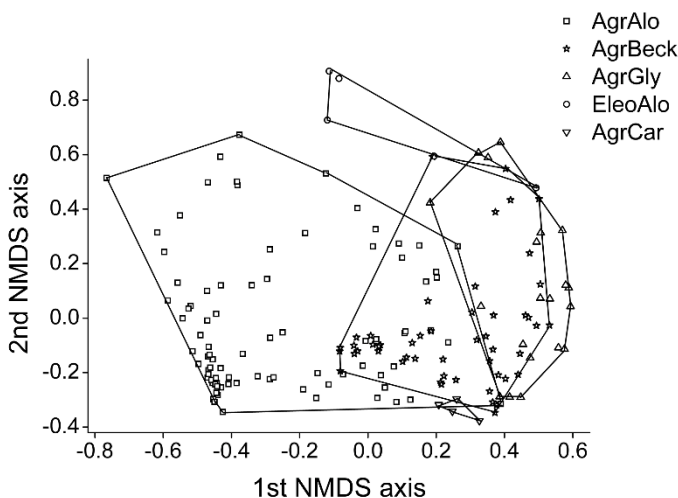


Figure 1. NMDS ordination of the relevés based on the percentage cover scores using Bray-Curtis similarity. Abbreviation of associations: AgrAlo - *Agrostio stoloniferae* - *Alopecuretum pratensis*; AgrBeck - *Agrostio stoloniferae* - *Beckmannietum eruciformis*; AgrGly - *Agrostio stoloniferae* - *Glycerietum pedicellatae*; AgrCar - *Agrostio–Caricetum distantis*; EleoAgr - *Eleochari* - *Alopecuretum geniculati*.

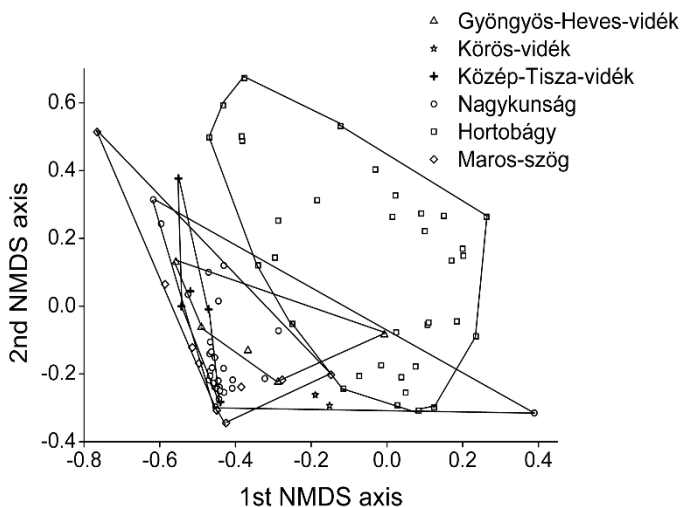


Figure 2. NMDS ordination of the relevés from *Agrostio stoloniferae* - *Alopecuretum pratensis* stands based on percentage cover scores using Bray-Curtis similarity.

The relevés of Hortobágy are the most heterogeneous. They overlap with all of the groups mentioned before. We have the largest number of relevés from there, which is well-justified by the heterogeneity of associations and habitats. The relevés No.93-102 are placed next to the groups of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* on the ordination (Figure 1). The reason for this is that this stand contains *Beckmannia eruciformis* and *Glyceria fluitans* as subordinate species in a high cover. It is interesting, that even the relevés 83-92 were located only 30-40 meters away from the relevés 93-102. The only difference is that the relevés 93-102 are grazed, the relevés 83-92 are not. This example from Hortobágy (Nyírőlapos) shows that management type can cause considerable differences in the species composition of associations.

The relevés of Bodrogekőzy overlap with the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum* group (Figure 1). This is due to the fact that his relevés come from four subtypes. Two of these subtypes (*beckmannietosum* and *juncetosum conglomerati*) show a great similarity with the stand of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* in Nagykunság (Kunmadarasi-pusztá) in which there were many *Juncus conglomeratus* tussocks. The total species number of the relevés is high (44 species) because the relevés were scattered across four variants of the association. Relevés from Nagykunság (Kunmadarasi-pusztá) are considerably more compact (Figure 2). They were recorded in a small homogeneously managed area (50×50m).

Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis

We have data from three regions (Nagykunság, Hortobágy, Maros-szög, see Figure 3). The two groups from Hortobágy are not separated from the relevés of the Maros-szög. Relevés recorded in Nagykunság are very heterogeneous. Stands from Nagykunság (Kunmadarasi-pusztá) are similar to the relevés of Bodrogekőzy's *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* (Figure 1). The reason for similarity is that the relevés of Bodrogekőzy from *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* association contain *Beckmannia eruciformis* with considerable frequency and cover values. The relevés of Bodrogekőzy are more species rich than any other relevés in the region.

Agrostio stoloniferae–Glycerietum pedicellatae

The group of *Agrostio stoloniferae–Glycerietum pedicellatae* overlaps with the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis* (Figure 1). These two associations show considerable similarity as their species composition and attributes of habitat (salt content, water balance) are more similar to each other than to the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis*.

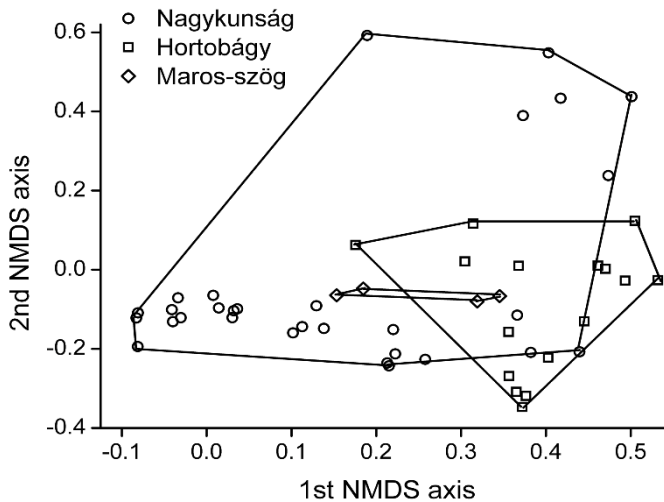


Figure 3. NMDS ordination of the relevés from *Agrostio stoloniferae - Beckmannietum eruciformis* stands based on percentage cover scores using Bray-Curtis similarity.

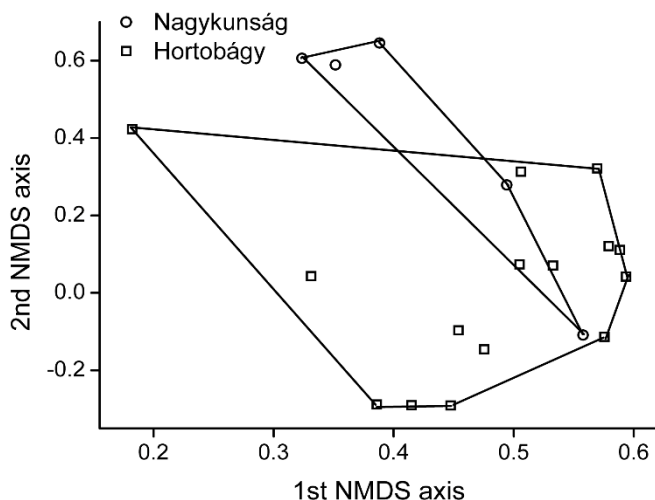


Figure 4. NMDS ordination of the relevés from *Agrostio stoloniferae* - *Glycerietum pedicellatae* stands based on percentage cover scores using Bray-Curtis similarity.

Groups of Hortobágy and Nagyunság overlap, but not completely (Figure 4). In this case, the subtypes of Bodroghözy (Hortobágy) are very similar to the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* (Figure 1).

Agrostio-Caricetum distantis

Relevés of this association (from Maros-szög) are situated between the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* and *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* (Figure 1). The *Agrostio*–*Caricetum distantis* has better water supply and its soil has higher salt content than that of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, but its soil gets dry earlier than that of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*, therefore *Agrostio-Caricetum distantis* stands harbour fewer halophyte species.

Eleochari*–*Alopecuretum geniculati

Relevés of this association (Nagyunság) are apart from the others (Figure 1). This association is not a typical tall grass alkali meadow.

Vegetation characteristics of the solonetz meadow associations

We studied the characteristics of the three most widespread associations, namely *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* and *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*,

from which we had enough relevés for the analyses. Studied characteristics were Relative Ecological Indicator Values (SB, WB), Raunkiaer's life form, Social Behaviour Types, Phytosociological groups and Flora elements (Borhidi 1995).

Relative Ecological Indicator Values for Salt content (SB)

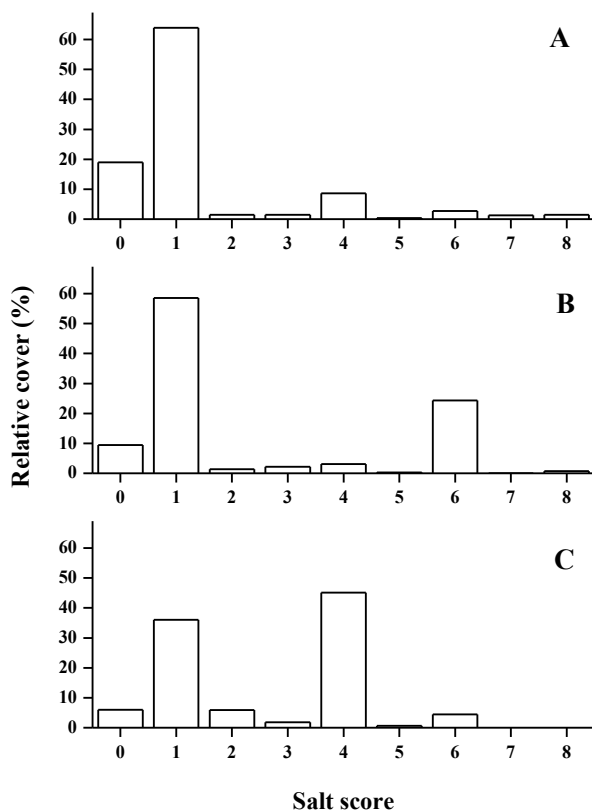


Figure 5. Distribution of Salt scores (SB) in the three studied solonetz meadow associations: A – *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis*; B – *Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis*; C – *Agrostio stoloniferae–Glycerietum pedicellatae*.

In *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* association the species with 0 and 1 values – which have little tolerance against salt are the dominant (Figure 5). Their ratio is 18.9% and 63.9%, respectively. Beside them, species with the value 4 are present (8.6%) which have a medium salt tolerance. Some of them are

dry grassland plants (*Silene viscosa*, *Trifolium* spp.) that are present in drying stands. Some of them are meadow species which can be found in wetter stands, such as *Eleocharis uniglumis*, which is a typical species of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* stands. The largest number of salt-tolerant species are present in *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* (Figure 5). Here the only species with high salt-tolerance (group 6) is *Beckmannia eruciformis* which is the dominant species of the association. In case of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* species with moderate salt-tolerance (category 4) form the most abundant group (45.2%). The reason for the high ratio of this group is that the dominant plant of the association (*Glyceria fluitans*) belongs here. In this association *Beckmannia eruciformis* with score 6 also occurs.

Relative Ecological Indicator Values for Soil Moisture (WB)

Agrostio stoloniferae–*Alopecuretum pratensis* is the association located on the driest habitats. Here the group with 6 WB score dominates (47.7%) and also group 4 (13%) and group 7 (15.7%) have considerable proportion (Figure 6). This association occurs typically in wet areas, which can get dried occasionally. Thus, there are several dry grassland species, such as *Achillea collina*, *Centaurea pannonica*, *Cruciata pedemontana*, *Festuca pseudovina*, *Podospermum canum*, *Trifolium* spp. in these meadows. These species are generally typical species of the surrounding dry grasslands (alkali-, loess steppes). Depending on the weather conditions, these associations can transform to each other. A dry grassland species with high frequency is *Elymus repens*. This species is frequently present with high cover in drying stands forming a facies. Usually it appears in those dry stands, which are managed improperly. *Cirsium arvense* is present in dry, heavily disturbed stands. Majority of group 6 is composed by *Alopecurus pratensis*, but the ratio of *Limonium gmelinii* ssp. *hungaricum* is considerable too. High cover of *L. gmelinii* ssp. *hungaricum* is typical in drying meadows with high salt content. Other subordinate species of group 6 are *Rumex* spp. which can form facies of the *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* association. *Rumex stenophyllus* is typical in undisturbed stands, *R. crispus* is typical in disturbed stands. *Agrostis stolonifera* is the species with the highest cover in group 7. Dominant species of group 8 are *Beckmannia eruciformis* and *Juncus* spp. In lower-lying patches *Eleocharis uniglumis* is frequent, its moisture score is high (9). Other species in the group 9 are: *Lycopus* spp. and *Carex melanostachya* which are species of an alkali sedge association (*Caricetum melanostachyae* Balázs 1943).

In case of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* the histogram shifts towards higher values (Figure 6). This indicates that this association needs wetter habitat than *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*. The first group with high participation is group 6 (13.5%). Its species are *Alopecurus pratensis* and *Rumex stenophyllus* which are present with a high cover. The largest group is group

7 (44.7%), which is composed by *Agrostis stolonifera*, a constant species of the association and *Mentha* spp. as a subordinate species. Other constant species is *Beckmannia eruciformis*. This species constitutes the majority of group 8 (30.6%). *Lythrum virgatum* and *Glyceria fluitans* are present with high frequency and cover values. In group 9 the endemic *Cirsium brachycephalum* is present. Beside it *Eleocharis uniglumis* and *Veronica scutellata* are present with high values. Group 10 consists of two species with high frequency but low cover values: *Eleocharis palustris* and *Bolboschoenus maritimus*.

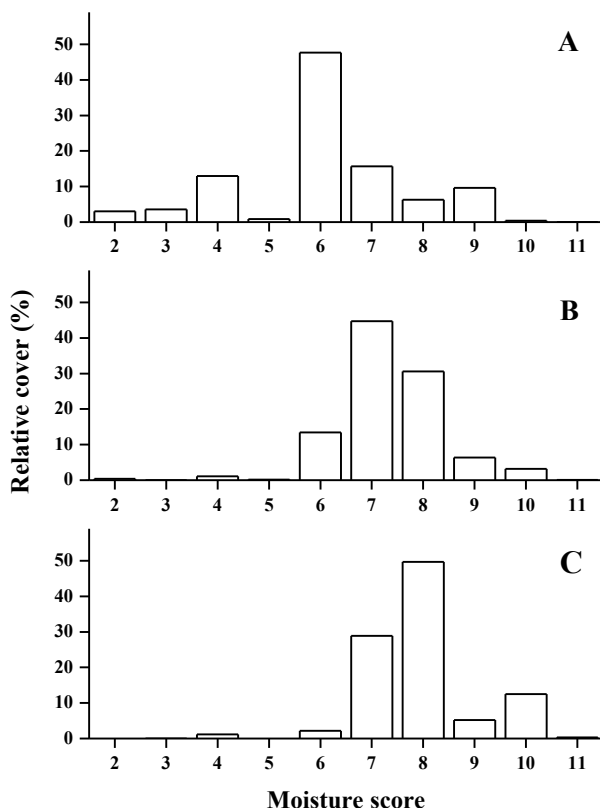


Figure 6. Distribution of Moisture scores in the three studied solonetz meadow associations: A – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*; B – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*; C – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*.

Agrostio stoloniferae–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* occurs in habitats with the best water supply and has a histogram shifted to the highest values (Fig. 6). Group 7 (28.9%) consist almost exclusively of *Agrostis stolonifera*. Two constant species (*Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Glyceria fluitans*) give the majority of group 8 (49.7%). Group 9 is almost absent. The reason for this is the permanent water cover that is not favourable for *Eleocharis uniglumis*, which was present in the other two associations. *Carex melanostachya* and *Phalaris arundinacea* are present with low cover values thus they contribute to a transition to alkali sedge associations and marshes. The members of group 10 (*Alisma lanceolatum*, *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, *Phragmites australis*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris* and *Typha* spp.) are common species with alkali and non-alkali marshes (Deák *et al.* 2014c).

Raunkiaer's life form categories

Hemicryptophytes (H), geophytes (G) and helo- and hydrophytes (HH) are the most typical life forms in the three associations (Table 2). In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, hemicryptophytes are the dominant group (72.6%) comprised by the dominant graminoid (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Juncus conglomeratus*, *J. effusus*) and typical dicotyledonous species (*Galium palustre*, *Lythrum* spp., *Mentha* spp., *Rumex* spp). The most abundant species of the group of geophytes (16.8%) are *Eleocharis* spp. and *Elymus repens* and also the small *Juncus* species (*Juncus compressus*, *J. gerardii*) belong to this group.

Table 2. Proportions of Raunkiaer's life forms in the three studied solonetz meadow associations. Abbreviation of associations: AgrAlo – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*; AgrBeck – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*; AgrGly – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*. Abbreviation of Raunkiaer's life forms: Ch – Chamaephytes; H – Hemicryptophytes; G – Geophytes; HH – Helo- and hydrophytes; Th – Therophytes; TH – Hemitherophytes.

	AgrAlo	AgrBeck	AgrGly
Ch	0.6	0.1	0.2
H	72.6	90.1	38.9
G	16.8	3.6	4.5
HH	4.8	3.5	54.9
Th	4.4	2.3	1.5
TH	0.8	0.5	0.1

In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* the ratio of geophytes is low (3.6%). The frequent geophyte species are *Eleocharis* spp. *Elymus repens*, which gives the majority of this group in case of *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, is not typical in this association because of the high salt content and better water supply. The group of hemicryptophytes (90.1%) is mainly

composed by constant grass species, such as *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Beckmannia eruciformis* and *Glyceria fluitans*. Further species of this group are *Juncus conglomeratus*, *J. effusus*, *Lythrum* spp., *Rumex stenophyllus* and *Veronica scutellata*.

In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* association the group of helophytes and hydrophytes has the highest value (54.9%) indicating the moist habitat conditions of the association. Typical species of this group are the common species with sedge associations and marshes, such as *Alisma lanceolatum*, *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, *Carex melanostachya*, *Lycopus* spp., *Phragmites australis*, *Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani* and *Typha* spp. In the group of hemicryptophytes (38.9%) *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Glyceria fluitans* and *Rorippa sylvestris* subsp. *kernerii* are present. The group of geophytes (4.5%) is composed only by *Eleocharis* spp.; mainly *Eleocharis palustris* is present.

Social Behaviour Types

Agrostio stoloniferae–*Alopecuretum pratensis* association is the most heterogeneous regarding social behaviour types (Table 3). The reason for this is partly the many weed species that are present in drying stands. This association is the most unstable because of its place in the zonation (Deák *et al.* 2014a). *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* can dry out the easiest way that can lead to degradation. Here is the lowest the soil salt content that allows the establishment of a wider range of species. The group of disturbance-tolerants (11.6%) consists of *Juncus* spp. (except *J. gerardi*), *Lycopus* spp., *Mentha* spp.; with lower cover *Pulicaria vulgaris* and *Leontodon autumnalis* also occur. *Elymus repens* is the most frequent species of the group of ruderal competitors (12%). In our opinion, this species is not a ruderal competitor in alkali meadows but a competitor. If we recalculate the data accordingly, the proportion of the competitors is higher as it is shown in Table 3 (59.8%). The dominant grass species of the association and *Eleocharis palustris* also belong to the group of competitors. *Eleocharis uniglumis*, *Lythrum* spp. and *Rumex stenophyllus* belong to the group of generalists (11.6%). Proportion of specialists is low (4.5%). Specialist species typical to meadows (*Rorippa sylvestris* ssp. *kernerii* and *Ranunculus lateriflorus*) and alkali dry grasslands (*Limonium gmelini* ssp. *hungaricum*, *Lotus tenuis*, *Ranunculus pedatus* and *Trifolium* spp.) both occur in this association.

In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* the proportion of species of disturbed, secondary and artificial habitats is low. Disturbance-tolerant species have a small ratio (4.8%), with similar wetland species mentioned at *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*. The group of competitors (81.7%) is composed by the dominant grass species of the association and *Eleocharis palustris*. The group of geophytes (10.7%) is composed by *Carex* spp., *Eleocharis uniglumis*, *Lythrum* spp., *Rumex stenophyllus* and *Veronica scutellata*. Specialist

species (1.1%) include *Aster tripolium* ssp. *pannonicus*, *Cirsium brachycephalum*, *Limonium gmelini* ssp. *hungaricum*, *Lotus tenuis*, *Pholiurus pannonicus*, *Ranunculus lateriflorus* and *Rorippa sylvestris* ssp. *kernerii*.

In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* the proportion and typical species of the groups of disturbance-tolerants (4.7%) and geophytes (5.7%) is very similar to those in *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*. The competitors form the largest group (87.1%) including the dominant grass species of the association (*Agrostis stolonifera*, *Beckmannia eruciformis* and *Glyceria fluitans*) and *Eleocharis palustris*, accompanied by *Phalaris arundinacea*, *Phragmites australis*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris* and *Typha* spp. The proportion of specialists is low (1.8%), and most of them are species of wet habitats (*Ranunculus lateriflorus* and *Rorippa sylvestris* ssp. *kernerii*).

Table 3. Proportions of Social Behaviour Types in the three studied solonetz meadow associations. Abbreviation of associations: AgrAlo – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*; AgrBeck – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*; AgrGly – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*. Abbreviation of Social Behaviour Types: AC – Adventive competitors; RC – Ruderal competitors; I – Introduced crops; W – Native weed species; DT – Disturbance-tolerant plants of natural habitats; NP – Natural pioneers; G – Generalists; C – Competitors; S – Specialists.

	AgrAlo	AgrBeck	AgrGly
AC	0	0.1	0
RC	12	0.5	0
I	0.01	0	0
W	0.2	0.8	0
DT	11.6	4.8	4.7
NP	0.3	0.4	0.7
G	11.6	10.7	5.7
C	59.8	81.7	87.1
S	4.5	1.1	1.8

Phytosociological groups

In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* association, the Molinio–Arrhenatheretea (48.6%) species dominate (Table 4). These species are meadow species that have low salt tolerance. The majority of this group is composed by *Alopecurus pratensis* and *Juncus conglomeratus*. Festuco–Puccinellietea (8.9%) species typical to alkali includes species of alkali steppes, alkali meadows and other alkali associations (*Puccinellietum limosae*, *Plantagini tenuiflorae*–*Pholiuretum pannonicum*, *Camphorosmetum annuae*). There are also dry and wet grassland species in this group. Dry grassland species (*Festuca pseudovina*, *Limonium gmelini* ssp. *hungaricum*, *Trifolium* spp.) can establish in *Agrostio stoloniferae*–

Alopecuretum pratensis stands when the habitat is getting dry. Frequent and typical wet grassland species are *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Beckmannia eruciformis* and *Ranunculus lateriflorus*. Two species is present from the group Phragmitetea: *Carex melanostachya* and *Galium palustre*. *Eleocharis uniglumis* is the only representative of group Scheuchzerio–Caricetea nigrae, but it has high cover (4.5%) and frequency values. There are several species in the indifferent group (33.4%), including *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Carex praecox*, *Elymus repens*, *Inula britannica*, *Lycopus* spp., *Lythrum virgatum*, *Mentha* spp. and *Poa* spp.

Table 4. Proportions of the phytosociological groups in the three studied solonetz meadow associations. Abbreviation of associations: AgrAlo – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*; AgrBeck – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*; AgrGly – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*.

Phytosociological group	AgrAlo	AgrBeck	AgrGly
Agropyretea	0.1	0	0
Agrostietea stoloniferae	0.1	0	0
Artemisietalia	0.1	0.1	0
Bidentetea	0	0.4	0
Bolboschoenetea	0.1	1.4	1.6
Chenopodietea	0.1	0.7	0
Festuco - Brometea	0.1	0	0
Festuco - Puccinellietea	8.9	26.5	8.7
indifferent	33.4	52	34.9
Isoëto - Nanojuncetea	0.1	0.1	0.3
Lemnetea	0.1	0	0.3
Molinio - Arrhenatheretea	48.6	14.8	1.7
Phragmitetea	4.2	1.5	52.4
Plantaginetea	0.1	0.1	0
Ruppietea	0	0.1	0.1
Scheuchzerio - Caricetea nigrae	4.5	2.6	0.1
Secalietea	0.1	0	0
Sedo - Scleranthetea	0.1	0	0
Thero - Salicornieta	0	0.1	0

In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* Festuco–Puccinellietea (26.5%) is the largest group (Table 4). This suggests that this association contains typical alkali species and develops in salt-affected habitats. The most typical species are typical species of wet alkali habitats, such as *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Cirsium brachycephalum* and *Rumex stenophyllus*. *Pholiurus pannonicus* is typical in patches with silt accumulation. Molinio–Arrhenatheretea species are similar to those in *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Juncus conglomeratus*) and have a lower

proportion (14.8%). The group Scheuchzerio–Caricetea nigrae is represented only by *Eleocharis uniglumis*. The group Phragmitetea is present with a lower value (1.5%) than in *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis*. Typical Phragmitetea species are *Alisma lanceolatum*, *Glyceria fluitans*, *Veronica scutellata* and occasionally *Typha angustifolia*. *Bolboschoenus maritimus* is the only representative of the group Bolboschoenetea. Indifferent species form a large group (52%), including *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Eleocharis palustris*, *Inula britannica*, *Juncus effusus*, *Lycopus europaeus*, *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Lythrum virgatum* and *Mentha* spp.

The proportion of the phytosociological groups shows that *Agrostio stoloniferae–Glycerietum pedicellatae* can be found in habitats with good water supply (Table 4). Accordingly, the group Phragmitetea has the greatest proportion (52.4%). Species that need continuous water supply are more frequent in this association, such as *Alisma lanceolatum*, *Carex melanostachya*, *Glyceria fluitans*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Phalaroides arundinacea*, *Phragmites communis*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris* and *Typha angustifolia*. The proportion of the species typical to alkali habitats (Festuco–Puccinellietea) is lower (8.7%) than in the other two associations. Species typical to dry steppes are absent, rather typical alkali meadow species are present (*Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Ranunculus lateriflorus*, *Rorippa sylvestris* ssp. *kernerii*). Molinio–Arrhenatheretea which is a well-represented group in other two associations is represented here by only a few species with low cover (1.7%). *Alopecurus pratensis* and *Juncus conglomeratus* are present in only a few relevés with small cover. shows the same pattern. From group Bolboschoenetea there is only one species present (*Bolboschoenus maritimus*). The cover of the Scheuchzerio–Caricetea nigrae group is very low (0.1%), as its typical species *Eleocharis uniglumis* cannot tolerate the continuous water cover. The group Isoëto–Nanojuncetea (0.3%). is represented by *Elatine alsinastrum* and *Peplis portula*. The indifferent group contains few species, such as *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Eleocharis palustris* and *Lycopus europaeus*.

Flora elements

The flora elements typical to continental steppes (continental, pontic-mediterranean, pontic) are present in *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* with high scores, as this is the driest solonetz meadow association (Table 5). In the group of continental flora elements (5%) there are alkali steppe species with low cover and frequency (*Achillea collina*, *Festuca pseudovina*, *Hordeum hystris*, *Plantago tenuiflora*, *Ranunculus pedatus*), and several alkali meadow and sedge species (*Carex melanostachya*, *Lythrum virgatum*, *Ranunculus pedatus*, *Rumex stenophyllus*). The group of pontic-mediterranean flora elements (1.5%) contains *Podospermum canum*, *Trifolium retusum* and *Trigonella procumbens*. The group of Pannonian flora elements contains pannonian endemic species that are typical in alkali habitats, such as

Limonium gmelini subsp. *hungaricum* and *Puccinellia limosa*. Proportion of endemic species is the highest in this association (1.2%). *Ajuga genevensis*, *Ranunculus lateriflorus* and *Rorippa austriaca* are in the pontic group. The only species in the group of atlantic-submediterranean flora elements is *Trifolium striatum*, a typical species of moderately alkali steppes and loess grasslands. The group of European is represented with low species number and cover and includes *Alopecurus geniculatus* and *Juncus conglomeratus*. The group with the highest species number and cover is the group of Eurasian flora elements (55.1%) with several generalist wetland plants (*Alopecurus pratensis*, *Carex praecox*, *Eleocharis palustris*, *Inula britannica*, *Juncus compressus*, *Lycopus europaeus*, *Lysimachia nummularia* and *Ranunculus sardous*) and a few dry grassland species (*Gypsophila muralis* and *Trifolium fragiferum*). Typical species from the circumboreal group (20%), such as *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Eleocharis uniglumis*, *Elymus repens* and *Galium palustre* occur in natural, undisturbed stands in good condition. Cosmopolitan species (11.4%) are *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, *Juncus effusus*, *Poa trivialis*, *Rumex crispus* and *Typha angustifolia*. There are some other flora element groups present in low proportion, such as submediterranean (0.7%; *Lotus glaber*, *Mentha pulegium*) and balkanian (0.9%; *Trifolium angulatum*, *Bupleurum tenuissimum*).

Table 5. Proportions of the flora elements in the three studied solonetz meadow association. Abbreviation of associations: AgrAlo – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*; AgrBeck – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis*; AgrGly – *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*. Abbreviation of the flora elements: ADV – Adventive; AsM – Atlantic-submediterranean; BAL – Balkanian; CIR – Circumboreal; CON – Continental; COS – Cosmopolitan; EUA – Eurasian; EUR – European; PAN – Pannonian; PoM – Ponthic-mediterranean; PON – Ponthic; PoP – Ponthic-Pannonian; SME – Submediterranean; TUR – Turanian.

Flora element type	AgrAlo	AgrBeck	AgrGly
ADV	0.1	0.1	0
AsM	0.4	0	0
BAL	0.9	0	0
CIR	20	29.2	9.1
CON	5	5.1	1
COS	11.4	46.2	34.9
EUA	55.1	15.3	50.2
EUR	3.2	1.7	3.6
PAN	1.2	0.2	0
PoM	1.5	0.4	0
PON	0.6	0.2	1.2
PoP	0	0.4	0
SME	0.7	1.4	0
TUR	0.1	0	0

In *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* association, the cosmopolitan group (46.2%) has the largest proportion (Table 5) including a few species with high cover scores, such as *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Bolboschoenus maritimus* and *Juncus effusus*. The most frequent species of the circumboreal (29.2%) group are *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Eleocharis uniglumis* and *Veronica scutellata*. The group of Eurasian flora elements (15.3%) includes common species of wetlands, such as *Alisma lanceolatum*, *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Eleocharis palustris*, *Glyceria fluitans*, *Inula britannica*, *Lycopus europaeus* and *Lysimachia nummularia*. The group of European flora elements is represented with a small percentage cover (1.7%), including *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Juncus conglomeratus* and *Mentha aquatica*. The continental group has the same proportion as in *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis* (5.1%), but since this association has a wetter habitat, dry grassland species are absent. Typical species with continental distribution are *Lythrum virgatum*, *Plantago tenuifolia* and *Rumex stenophyllus*. *Cirsium brachycephalum* and *Limonium gmelini* subsp. *hungarica* are the only representatives of Pannonian group. There are only a few species in the pontic group, including *Ranunculus lateriflorus* and *Rorippa austriaca*. In the Submediterranean group there is only one species (*Mentha pulegium*). The pontic-pannonian group is present only in this association with a single species (*Pholiurus pannonicus*).

The Eurasian group has the largest proportion (50.2%) in *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae* (Table 5) containing *Alisma lanceolatum*, *Eleocharis palustris* and *Glyceria fluitans*. The cosmopolitan group (34.9%) contains species typical also to marshes, such as *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, *Phalaris arundinacea*, *Phragmites communis* and *Typha angustifolia*. Typical species of the circumboreal group (9.1%) are *Beckmannia eruciformis*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris* and *Veronica scutellata*. The European group is represented by *Alopecurus geniculatus* and *Rorippa sylvestris* subsp. *kernerii*. There is only one species in the continental group (*Carex melanostachya*). *Ranunculus lateriflorus* occurs in this association as the member of pontic group.

Conclusions

Solonetz meadows are typical associations of the alkali grasslands of the Great Hungarian Plain. Water balance and the salt content of the soil are the main environmental factors driving these associations. Solonetz meadows usually form a transition zone between salt marshes and alkali steppes. Six solonetz meadow associations occur on the floodplain of the Tisza river. Three of them (*Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Alopecuretum pratensis*, *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Beckmannietum eruciformis* and *Agrostio stoloniferae*–*Glycerietum pedicellatae*) cover a large area. There are three other, less widespread associations (*Agrostio*–*Caricetum*

distantis, *Eleochari–Alopecuretum geniculati*, *Rorippo kernerii–Ranunculetum lateriflori*), which are important in maintaining the diversity of the landscape. The three most frequent associations are similar in species pool, structure, and habitat conditions, but there are differences in the ratio of the frequent species controlled by the salt content and the water coverage during the spring and early summer.

Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis

This was the most heterogeneous association of the studied solonetz meadows. Salt scores showed that the species with low salt tolerance (0-1) were the most frequent in this association. According to the moisture scores (score 6 dominates) this association is the driest one; therefore, several species typical to surrounding dry grasslands were present here. Competitors and generalists were the most frequent strategies and this association was the most sensitive to the establishment of weed species. Because of the low salt content of the soil the proportion of typical alkali species (*Festuco–Puccinellietea*) was low. Those species were the most abundant, which were common species of the non-alkali meadows (*Molinio–Arrhenatheretea*) and those which were habitat generalists. The ratio of continental, pontic-mediterranean, and pontic elements was high. The ratio of pannonian endemic species typical in alkali habitats was relatively high. The majority of species belonged to the Eurasian, circumboreal and cosmopolitan groups.

Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis

This association showed more stable meadow and alkali characteristics, than *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis*. *Beckmannia eruciformis* was abundant, indicating the high salt content of the soil. This was a wetter habitat than the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis*, thus the moisture scores shifted towards the higher scores. The most abundant moisture group was 7, and species with low moisture scores were almost absent. There were fewer generalist species there and the most abundant social behaviour type group was the group of competitors. Due to the higher salt content of the soil the species of *Festuco–Puccinellietea* had the highest proportion in this association. Ratio of the species of non alkali meadows (*Molinio–Arrhenatheretea*) was considerably lower, but the ratio of indifferent species was the highest in the stands of *Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis*. The majority of the species pool was composed by the Eurasian, circumboreal and cosmopolitan groups as in the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* association. The difference was that the ratio of cosmopolitan and continental species was considerably higher, and the Eurasian group was suppressed. There were several endemic Pannonian, Pontic-Pannonian species with low abundance.

Agrostio stoloniferae–Glycerietum pedicellatae

Agrostio stoloniferae–Glycerietum pedicellatae was the wettest alkali meadow association, it showed common characteristic with sedge meadows and alkali and non-alkali marshes. This association occurred in habitats with moderately deep and permanent water cover; the species preferring wet habitats were typical there having high moisture scores. The good water supply was also indicated by the dominance of helo- and hydrophytes. Spectrum of Social Behaviour Types showed the same pattern as in the case of the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Beckmannietum eruciformis*: group of competitors was the most frequent, generalists and weeds were less frequent. Contrary to the other alkali meadows, the group of Phragmitetea was present with a high ratio. Proportion of species typical to alkali salt-affected habitats (Festuco–Puccinellietea) was the same as in the *Agrostio stoloniferae–Alopecuretum pratensis* association, and the species typical to dry steppes was absent. The ratio of Molinio–Arrhenatheretea species was low. The majority of the species pool was composed by the Eurasian, circumboreal and cosmopolitan groups as in the other alkali meadows. As the habitat had moderate salt content and permanent water cover the ratio of continental and pontic species was low. There were no endemic species in the relevés of this association.

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IX. WILLOW SCRUBS AND GALLERIES – SALICETALIA PURPUREAE

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Salicion triandrae T. Müller & Görs 1958 – Willow scrubs

Coenosystematic state of willow scrubs

At the beginning of the Central-European coenological surveys, all kinds of the willow communities developing on the flood area were classified as *Saliceto-Populetum* (Tx. 1931) included in the alliance *Salicion albae*.

The willow scrubs were not described as separate associations, they were regarded as initial steps of succession and were considered just a facies of the gallery forest (*Populeto-Salicetum Salix triandra* facies, Timár 1950) or – as in Simon's opinion – a stadium of it (*Populeto-Salicetum Salix triandra* stad. Simon 1954). During his research at Szigetköz, Zólyomi mentioned a mixed stadium which was formed with *Salix triandra* and *S. purpurea* (Kárpáti 1958).

In the synopsis of Soó, however, the willow scrubs were included in a distinct alliance (*Salicion triandrae* Müller-Görs 1958), and Soó distinguished two associations – *Salicetum purpureae* and *Salicetum triandrae* (Soó 1964). The weedy types of the willow scrubs were classified into the *Calystegion* alliance (Soó 1960).

In this paper Soó's classification-system – date from 1964 – is presented considering also the recent nomenclature. Kevey revised the association-nomenclature first in 1995 on the basis of his works at Szigetköz (Bartha *et al.* 1995), and changed the names of the two above associations for the very similar *Rumici crispi-Salicetum purpureae* Kevey in Borhidi & Kevey 1996 and *Polygono hydropiperi-Salicetum triandrae* Kevey in Borhidi & Kevey 1996 (Borhidi 2003).

In the followings, we use the latest nomenclature.

Short historical review

Soó was the first who described willow scrub stands along the river Szamos in 1927 (Újvárosi 1940). Later, coenosystematic researches were carried out along the river Danube, and several important results were published by Zólyomi (1937) and Kárpáti (1958). During his researches, Timár published very detailed coenological data from the floodplain forest-associations along the rivers Tisza and Maros (Timár 1950a, 1950b). Simon documented very thoroughly the willow scrub stands along the Upper-Tisza section (Simon 1957). Tóth carried out important

vegetation-surveys along the Maros at the 1960s (Tóth 1967). Kevey revised the coenosystematic relations of the willow scrubs, his works focused mainly on the stands along the river Danube (Bartha *et al.* 1995).

IX.1 *Rumici crispi-Salicetum purpureae* Kevey in Borhidi & Kevey 1996

Syn: *Salicetum purpureae* Kárpáti 1958
(not found along the Tisza and its tributaries)

Environmental conditions

The stands of this association develop on shoals of gravel and coarse sand, where the current of the river is very strong. The water regime of these shoals is very extreme: in the case of low water-level they dry up easily, and water-level rises very fast and high at the time of flooding (Bartha *et al.* 1995).

According to the literature, this association is missing from the Hungarian section of Tisza because of the above mentioned habitat demands. It may be present along the upper part of the river, near the riverhead.

IX.2 *Polygono hydropiperi-Salicetum triandrae* Kevey in Borhidi & Kevey 1996

Syn: *Salicetum triandrae* Malcuit 1929, *Salicetum triandrae-purpureae* Soó 1927, *Populeto-Salicetum Salix triandra* facies Timár 1950, *Populeto-Salicetum triandrae* Timár 1950.

Salicetum triandrae association is the willow scrub that is spread along all of the rivers at the Great-Hungarian Plain (Soó 1960).

Environmental conditions

The stands of this association develop along the slow-flowing river sections and backwaters on fine sand and silt. These fine grained sediments have better water retention capacity, thus the water regime of this kind of habitat is more balanced than that of the previous community. Stands could be waterlogged for over 5-7 month a year, therefore the soil formation is rather restricted (Borhidi 1999). This community can be considered local association specific in the Carpathian basin (Borhidi 2003).

Description of the stands along the River Tisza and its tributaries

Soó stated in 1960, that “on the Great-Hungarian-Plain the most exhaustively investigated and best-known forests are the floodplain forests...” (Soó 1960). Unfortunately, our knowledge about the Hungarian willow scrubs did not increase

substantially so far, as can be seen from the literature. All of the traceable relevés were taken on Braun-Blanquet scale, and only two of the 90 relevés represented the state of the willow scrubs in turn of the millennium.

The relevés taken along the river Tisza were analysed in three sections – lower, middle, upper – defined by Pécsi (1969). In the case of the tributaries we did not apply any finer distinction.

Lower-Tisza

The analysis of the vegetation of this section was made mainly from the relevés of Timár.

The following species occurred with high constancy and considerable cover (constancy values are in brackets): *Salix triandra* (V), *Bidens tripartitus* (V), *Agrostis stolonifera* (IV), *Echinochloa crus-galli* (IV), *Persicaria lapathifolia* (IV). Altogether 19 species were present with high constancy (V-III). Considering the average cover, most of the species had low AD values (+-1). *Populus nigra* was found in many stands (K=IV) but with very low coverage (+-1). *Populus alba* and *Salix alba* occurred just in few stands but with higher coverage (1-2). The appearance of *Ulmus glabra* was surprising in these stands, probably it was planted. Altogether 122 species were recorded, three of them are remarkable because nowadays are rarely found along the river: *Aster amellus*, *Gratiola officinalis* and *Tussilago farfara*.

Timár reported that the branches of the willow scrubs were cut down regularly, thus the trees grew close to each other, and the herb layer was rather sparse or nudum. He mentioned that mainly *Elymus repens* and *Agrostis stolonifera* dominated herb layer developed on the open stands (Timár 1950/a, 1950/b). Soó interpreted Timár's stands as a secondary weedy gallery forest after clear-cutting (Soó 1960).

Middle-Tisza

The description of the vegetation of the Middle-Tisza section originates from the examinations of Timár and Újvárosi. Timár investigated the riverbed in the Middle-Tisza region near Tiszaföldvár and Szolnok (Timár 1950/a). Újvárosi worked between Polgár and Tokaj (Újvárosi 1940). Other surveys referring to the willow scrubs have not been carried out till now.

The most abundant and frequent tree-species were in the stands *Populus nigra* (IV) and *Salix triandra* (IV). *Populus alba* also occurred several times (III) but with lower coverage (1-2). *Salix viminalis* dominated just a single stand. Most of the stands were dominated by a single tree species, other trees just mixed sparsely with the dominant species.

Characteristic species of the herb layer were: *Agrostis stolonifera* (IV), *Bidens tripartitus* (IV), *Elymus repens* (III), *Convolvulus arvensis* (III), *Gnaphalium uliginosum* (III), *Rorippa sylvestris* (III).

One hundred and forty-two species were found in the relevés, 17 of them had high constancy values (IV-III), most species occurred sporadically: 124 of the 134 herbaceous species had got +1 AD range, and only 6 of the subordinate species had higher (III) constancy values. The flora was dominated by ruderal elements and mud vegetation.

Újvárosi published a synthetic coenological table on the basis of 25 relevés from the Polgár-Tokaj section (Újvárosi 1940). In this area, *Salix triandra* had the highest constancy value and average cover in the canopy layer, other species occurred sporadically. This may be resulted because Újvárosi took relevés close to the riverbank. Frequent species of the herb layer were: *Persicaria lapathifolia*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Echinochloa crus-galli*, *Bidens tripartitus*, *Chenopodium urbicum*, *Cyperus fuscus*, *Digitaria sanguinalis*, *Gnaphalium uliginosum*, *Plantago major*, *Potentilla supina*, *Rorippa sylvestris*.

Total number of the species was 99 on this section.

Upper-Tisza

We analysed the vegetation of the Upper-Tisza section on the basis of Simon's work (Simon 1957).

Only two species were both abundant and frequent – *Salix triandra* (IV), *Populus nigra* (III) – other species occurred with rather low AD values (+2): *Bidens tripartitus* (IV), *Elymus repens* (IV), *Lycopus europaeus* (IV), *Echinocystis lobata* (III), *Salix alba* (III). Some species, such as *Salix viminalis*, *Rubus caesius* and *Equisetum arvense*, occurred only in a few stands but with high local coverage. Altogether 65 species were found in the relevés, neither of them was typical mountainous species. Protected species of this section was *Salix elaeagnos*.

Szamos

Data have been published only from three stands, thus this short description may not be considered representative in respect to all this river. Frequent and abundant species were *Salix triandra* (V), *Phragmites australis* (IV), *Rubus caesius* (IV), *Amorpha fruticosa* (IV). Other frequent species were *Bidens tripartitus*, *Lycopus europaeus*, *Salix viminalis*, *Equisetum fluviatile*. Total species-number of the relevés was 33.

Körös

Only few data from two stands were available in the literature. Two recent relevés published by C. Dragulescu consisted of 35 species, and only three of them were present with higher abundance: *Salix triandra*, *S. alba* and *Rubus caesius*.

Maros

Timár and Tóth recorded relevés from 15 stands along this river. On the basis of their works, the most abundant species of the canopy layer was *Salix triandra* (V). In some stands *Populus nigra* (II), *Populus alba* (II) and *Salix alba* occurred with lower coverage. *Amorpha fruticosa* (III) was present in the shrub layer of several stands. Frequent species of the herb layer were *Bidens tripartitus* (V), *Calystegia sepium* (IV), *Erigeron annuus* ssp. *strigosus* (IV), *Lycopus europaeus* (IV), *Rubus caesius* (IV), *Potentilla supina* (IV), *Agrostis stolonifera* (III), *Echinochloa crus-galli* (III), *Persicaria lapathifolia* (III), *Phragmites australis* (III), *Scutellaria galericulata* (III). Altogether 117 species were recorded in the Maros-relevés.

Multivariate analyses

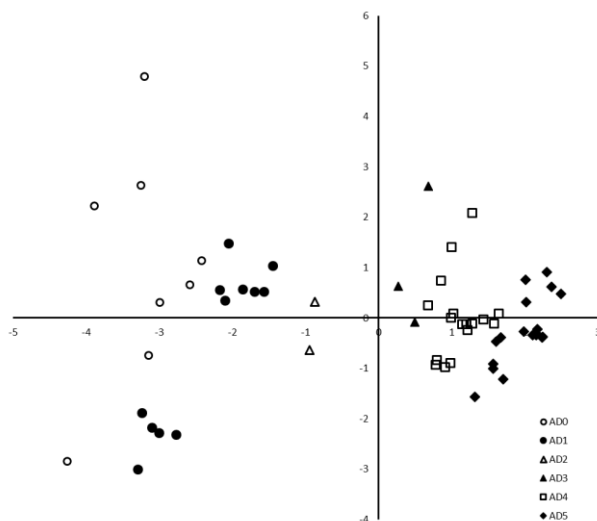


Fig. 1. Scatterplot of the ordination of willow scrub relevés (centered PCA). The distribution of the points is determined by the dominance (AD values) of *Salix triandra* along the first axis.

Sixty relevés were evaluated with Principal Component Analysis (Centered PCA). Number of species was rather high, 235 species were included in the analysis. As a result, 10 variables accounted for 73.99 % of total variance. On the other hand, the points do not show marked aggregations. The distribution of the points is determined mostly by *Salix triandra*. This species dominates 2/3 of the relevés and is absent only from 8 relevés. Thus the distribution of the points along the first axis is connected to the AD-values of *Salix triandra*; AD-values are high in the right-side aggregations and low in the left-side ones. No clear connection was found with the geographic distribution of the stands neither with the presence of other species.

Summarised evaluation

Considering all the river sections and tributaries, the following conclusions were taken:

1. *Salix triandra* was present with high constancy (III-V) and AD values (1-5) in each river sections. In the herb layer *Bidens tripartitus* was the constant element with higher AD values, and *Lycopus europaeus* was found in the majority of the stands, but with low range of AD values (+1).

A permanent species-composition could not be organized as a consequence of the extreme and quickly changing environmental conditions of this habitat-type. This natural disturbance effect of floods can be tolerated mainly by the natural pioneers (just the elements of *Nanocyperetalia*) and disturbance tolerant plants. Thus the herb layer assembled from these kinds of plant species with changing proportion site by site.

2. Several authors noted that the willow scrubs became weedy due to the regular and intense cutting (Újvárosi 1940, Timár 1950, Soó 1960). These weedy willow scrubs were classified among the *Calystegion* alliance in the early studies.

3. Our field observations suggested that nowadays the willow scrub stripes do not develop very definitely along the riverbanks. This may be explained by the fact that after the river regulation the current of the widely meandering and shoal-building rivers was speeded up due to the cut-off of the river bends. Thus the length of the building banks decreased, and the bank of the deepening riverbed became steeper. The widely extending, continuously moving and changing flat floodplains are rather rare along the river therefore the development of wide willow scrub stands is prevented.

Willow scrubs are endangered by more and more extreme floods because the willow species can not tolerate the long-lasting submerged state of the entire foliage. Willow species are sensitive to the water cover in different degrees: *Salix purpurea* and *S. triandra* tolerate relatively well the inundation unlike *S. fragilis* and *S. viminalis* (Bordács, personal communication).

***Salicion albae* (Soó 1930 em. Müll. Et Görs 1958) – Gallery forests**

IX.3 *Salicetum albae-fragilis* Soó 1957

Considering that the recent nomenclature (Borhidi 2003) of the gallery forests was based on the examination of the Danube stands, we have decided to use the comprehensive name of the willow-poplar gallery forests given by Soó.

Syn: *Salicetum albae-amygdalinae* (Slavnic 1952), *Salicetum mixtum* (Soó 1936), *Saliceto-Populetum albae* Timár (1952, 1953, 1954) *Salicetum albae-fragilis hungaricum* Soó 58.

Short historical review

The researches in connection with the Hungarian floodplain gallery forests started at the 1950s. Kárpáti was the first who described the willow gallery forests in the Szigetköz (Kárpáti 1957). Kevey has carried on with his works and one of his most important results was to clarify the coenosystematic relations of the floodplain forest along the River Danube (Kevey 1993).

Simon worked on the Upper-Tisza section and documented the vegetation with coenological relevés (Simon 1957). Timár revealed the riverside forests of the Lower-Tisza region (Timár 1950). The vegetation studies of Tóth provided important knowledge from the Maros floodplain (Tóth 1967). Soó's scientific achievement should be emphasized with regard to clarifying the European state of the Hungarian stands (Soó 1973).

Changes in the nomenclature of the gallery forests

The alliance *Populion albae* Br-BI. 1931 ex Tchou 1948 was described in the Mediterranean region. Soó realized that the name *Salicetum albae* described by Issler (1926) refers to the western types of the gallery forests which spread to Eastern-Austria, and it is synonymous with the name *Salicetum albae-fragilis* used by Tüxen 1955. Since the southeast- and east-European stands were significantly different from these gallery forests considering the species composition, Soó classified them in a separate alliance: *Salicion albae* Soó 1930. Soó used the name *Salicetum albae-fragilis hungaricum* already in 1933, and gave this name to the Hungarian gallery forest in 1958. He mentioned the following characteristic species: *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica*, *Vitis sylvestris*, *Glycyrrhiza echinata*, *Oenanthe banatica*, *Lycopus exaltatus*, *Leucanthemella serotina*, *Leucojum aestivum*. Soó distinguished two regional types within this association: *Salicetum albae-fragilis tibiscense* and *danubiale*. In connection with the stands along the River Tisza, he mentioned some differential species referring to Újvárosi's (1940) study: *Cnidium dubium*, *Echinocystis lobata* (Soó 1973).

Previously the white poplar forests were thought as a secondary-type of the elm-ash-oak forest after clear-cutting (Kárpáti 1958/b). Nowadays the white poplar forests developed on the low floodplain flats are considered natural stands which indicate the effects of the Sub-Mediterranean climate, and the *Populus alba* becomes more frequent towards the Mediterranean. Therefore we can consider our gallery forests (dominated by *P. nigra* and *Salix alba*) as local associations in the Carpathian basin (Borhidi 2003).

The very first scientific name of the Hungarian gallery forests was *Salicetum albae-fragilis* Issler 26. em. Soó 1957 (Soó 1964). Kevey divided it into two parts on the basis of his works carried out in the Szigetköz: willow gallery forest (*Leucojo aestivo-Salicetum* Kevey 1993) and poplar gallery forest (*Senecio fluviatilis-Populetum* Kevey 1993) (Bartha *et al.* 1995). The Hungarian white poplar gallery forest was not considered the same as the association known as *Populetum albae* Wendelberger-Zelinka 1952 in west-Europe (Bartha *et al.* 1995).

Recent studies improved further this system: the poplar gallery forest was divided into black poplar gallery forest (*Carduo crispi-Populetum nigrae* Kevey in Borhidi & Kevey 1996) developing on the medium-high relief of the low floodplain and white poplar gallery forest (*Senecio sarracenici-Populetum albae* Kevey in Borhidi & Kevey 1996) developing on the highest relief of the low floodplain (Borhidi *et al.* 1999). These changes in the nomenclature, however, were based on the examinations of the Danube stands.

Recent results about Populus nigra

European black poplar (*Populus nigra* L.) is a characteristic pioneer species of riparian ecosystems. Its abundance and genetic diversity is threatened due to the loss of its natural habitat – by urbanization, drainage of wetlands for agricultural use, canalization of rivers for flood prevention – and the hybridization with the improved *Populus* clones. *P. ×euramericana* was introduced to Northern-Europe in the 19th century (Cottrell *et al.* 2005).

Nowadays, *Populus nigra* is recognized as endangered species all across Europe, and natural populations useable for gene bank-supply disappeared from Western-Europe. The in-situ (preservation of natural stands) and ex-situ (establishing gene banks) conservation strategies applied in Hungary could support the preservation and survival of the local black poplar populations and their genetic resources. A *Populus nigra*-preservation project was elaborated in Gemenc region (Southern-Hungary) and was adopted widely in Europe: the distinction of the hybrid and non-hybrid plants is performed first on morphological level, and then, before the vegetative propagation, it is further refined with molecular (DNA) markers (Bordács *et al.* 2004).

On the basis of the recent examinations, there are essential differences in the genetic structure of the black poplar populations occurring frequently along a

certain river system. Genetic diversity does not increase upwards the river, that was assumed earlier from that the gene-flow may proceed opposite with the water flow owing to the opposite wind-flows at the river-valley. The examinations based on the chloroplast DNA (cpDNA) revealed six new haplotypes in the Hungarian samples, which are missing from the West-European populations. This indicates the conservation importance of the gene-pool of the Hungarian black poplar populations (Bordács *et al.* 2004.).

As for the Tisza basin, some black poplar populations were sampled at the surroundings of Zemplénagárd, too. The analysis of these samples and interpretation of the results are in progress (Bordács, personal communication).

The current researches based upon the examination of the chloroplast DNA (cpDNA) variation in black poplar aim the understanding of the location of glacial refugia and the subsequent postglacial routes of the recolonisation of this species. According to molecular analyses based on gene bank collections originating from seven European countries, two gene-centers (a southeastern from Italy to Austria-Hungary and a southwestern at Spain) could be separated. The exact locations of the eastern refugia were also difficult to identify accurately, because there were also several unique haplotypes in the Italian peninsula, eastern Austria and Hungary (Cottrell *et al.* 2004).

The high diversity detected by Bordács in a population growing along the Danube River in Hungary supports this statement, and indicates the necessity of the further investigations toward south and east of Hungary to confirm the existence and location of this putative refugium (Bordács *et al.* 2002).

The phylogenetic analysis showed that three haplotypes (two from Germany and one from Hungary) were very different from the other haplotypes that were detected in the study, and these samples produced the banding pattern typical of the 'Thevestina' clone (Vencsura 1992). Thus these haplotypes might therefore be distinct because they originated from the same area as 'Thevestina', which itself originated from the Central Asian and Black Sea region and has been widely used as ornamental tree. This highlights the need to extend the sampling to regions further east (Cottrell *et al.* 2004).

Environmental conditions

The gallery forests are edafic associations along the rivers, their stands evolve in the low floodplain flats behind the willow scrub zone. Their development is attached to the more or less regular inundations, and their flora is adapted to these extreme natural disturbance effects with a specific reproduction strategy and habitat-demand in evolutionary time. Stands tolerate the permanent water-coverage over three or four month, and develop on crude alluvial soils (muddy sand, fine sand, medium bound soils) (Borhidi *et al.* 1999).

Description of the stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

For the sake of the easier survey we classify and analyse the coenological data along the River Tisza in different sections.

Explanation of the dissections:

1. The River Tisza section from the southern frontier to Szolnok was surveyed very thoroughly. On the basis of our field experiences the natural vegetation survived in this region in low proportion. The flora of the different associations was very poor in species and the vegetation types have become very homogeneous. Because of the lots of relevés collected from this section we divided it into two parts: from the frontier to Csongrád and from Csongrád to Szolnok.

2. The Szolnok-Tokaj section is almost completely overlapped the Middle-Tisza region and this could support the decision to discuss separately this section from the others in spite of the few relevés.

3. Areas lying north of Tokaj represented the Upper-Tisza section.

4. Vegetation of Köröszug and Bodrozug have special locality, because the areas lie at the junction of two rivers (Tisza and Körös/Bodrog), therefore the relevés taken from these two sections are distinguished from the others.

5. In the case of the tributaries we do not use any finer division.

6. We distinguished the willow dominated vegetation types developed on navy holes next to the floodplain slopes of the dikes (kubikfüzesek) from the gallery forests of the riverbank. These depressions are under the influence of permanent water coverage for long time of a year therefore their vegetation-types escape from the intensive land use. Till the middle of the last decade, basket-makers cut and collected the osiers of these willow-forms, which made their physiognomy very characteristic. They were called “botolófüzes”. This type of management has terminated by nowadays and the less disturbed forest stands serve as refugee-areas for the flora and fauna (Molnár *et al.* 1997).

7. For all river sections, percentage cover (%) and Braun-Blanquet scale (AD) data were handled separately, because the percentage data were usually recorded later than the other type, and on the other hand the numerical analysis of mixed data is very problematic.

The distinguished river sections will be discussed in the following order: first the different Tisza-sections are analysed starting from the southern border towards the Upper-Tisza. The vegetation of Köröszug and Bodrozug will be treated together with the respective Tisza sections. Tributaries are also discussed from south to north.

The synthetic table contains the average cover and constancy values of the species for each section. Also the overall constancy is given.

To give properly constancy values, it is important to know the number of stands. We determined this number primarily from literature data: all sampling sites given by the authors were considered separate stand, even if only one relevé was

taken (e.g. Simon 1967). If the relevés were not grouped in stands by the author but vegetation map with marks of relevés was enclosed, we decided the number of stands and number of relevés belonging to a certain stand (e.g. Deák 2001).

In some cases the stands were delineated on the basis of aerial photos. We ranked the relevés in the same stand if they were taken within a distance of several hundred meters in a narrow belt along the river.

Unpublished data from György Bodrogekőzy were evaluated on the basis of his field notes; we considered the relevés of a table as members of the same stand.

From the southern frontier to Csongrád

Gallery forests

Recently, the intensive agricultural and silvicultural land uses are characteristic in this river section. The gallery forests can often survive just along the riverbank in a width of one or two rows of trees. The stands are strongly disturbed and quite poor in species. The proportion and number of invasive species are very high. Altogether 79 species were recorded in the relevés of this section. Adventive species were strongly determinant in community-composition.

Species in decreasing order of coverage were the following (constancy values are in brackets): *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (V), *Salix alba* (V), *Rubus caesius* (V), *Amorpha fruticosa* (V), *Populus nigra* (IV), *Populus alba* (IV), *Acer negundo* (V), *Vitis riparia* (III). This order was established from the greatest average cover values of the species in the vegetation strata. Some species, first of all the adventive, invasive plants like *Acer negundo*, *Fraxinus angustifolia*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Vitis riparia*, were present in more than one layer, thus in this case their total average cover values were much higher.

The most dominant species of the herb layer were *Bidens tripartitus* (V), *Urtica dioica* (V), *Aristolochia clematitis* (V), *Glechoma hederacea* (III). Other species occurred with very low constancy and average cover values. Important and valuable species of the relevés were *Salvinia natans*, *Cucubalus baccifer*, *Iris pseudacorus*.

AD-scale (Braun-Blanquet scale) data were reported from three stands in the 1960s. The vegetation of these stands had very scarce canopy. Altogether 77 species were present in them, and dominant species were *Rubus caesius* (V), *Elymus repens* (V), *Calystegia sepium* (V), *Salix triandra* (V), *Calamagrostis epigeios* (V). The only valuable plant species was *Leucanthemella serotina*.

Willow stands along the dikes (kubikfüzes)

Characteristic species of these stands were almost the same as those of the sandbank gallery forests: *Salix alba*, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Rubus caesius*,

Amorpha fruticosa, *Bidens tripartitus*. Constancy of *Aristolochia clematitis* was high (IV) but its average cover was rather low in contrast to *Symphytum officinale*, which occurred with high coverage in few stands and had low (II) constancy. The following frequent species occurred in many stands with very low average cover: *Echinocystis lobata* (IV), *Lysimachia vulgaris* (III), *Iris pseudacorus* (III), *Lythrum salicaria* (III). The rest of the plant species was sporadic. The stands were very poor in species according to the relevés, only 31 species were recorded.

Körösug

Gallery forests

This area lies in the junction of the rivers Tisza and Körös. It can be distinguished from the neighbouring areas because it belongs to the Danube-Tisza Interfluvium region in evolutionary aspect.

The following species occurred with high constancy and coverage values in the relevés: *Salix alba* (V), *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (V), *Amorpha fruticosa* (V), *Populus canescens* (IV), *Bidens tripartitus* (IV), *Rubus caesius* (IV). *Acer negundo* (II) was found just in a few stands with relatively high coverage. *Lysimachia vulgaris* (III), *Echinocystis lobata* (III), and *Urtica dioica* (III) existed in several stands but with low coverage. The other species occurred with low constancy and average cover. Altogether 87 species were present. The only valuable plant was *Allium angulosum*.

Willow stands along the dike (kubikfüzes)

Species occurring with high cover had also high constancy values on the basis of the coenological relevés (*Bidens tripartitus*, *Salix alba*, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Symphytum officinale*, *Rubus caesius*). The flora of this river section was very poor in species (altogether 44 species were recorded). Its protected plant was *Cirsium brachycephalum*.

According to Timár, the vegetation of these pits along the dike should be less grazed, thus they could function as refuge-area maintaining the biodiversity of the local flora and fauna (Timár 1953). Our field experience did not verify this statement; the reason for this could be the impoverishment of the regional species pool.

Csongrád - Szolnok section

Gallery forests

Recently, the most abundant species in this section was *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*. It occurred in each layers with high coverage thus its average cover value was the highest compared to those of the other plant species. In addition, the following species were found with quite high constancy and cover values: *Populus nigra* (V), *Salix alba* (V), *Rubus caesius* (IV), *Acer negundo* (V), *Amorpha fruticosa* (IV), *Populus alba* (III), *Echinocystis lobata* (III). Among the herbaceous plants *Urtica dioica* had the highest coverage, but this value was quite low compared to the upper layers. The relevés consisted only of 33 species. Apparently woody plantations and invasive species were dominant in the stands.

Some of the relevés date from the end of the 1970s (Horváth *et al.* 1978), and others were recorded in this section more than 60 years ago (Timár 1950). Floristic composition of the stands can be regarded more natural on the basis of ancient data, than of the recent ones. Dominant species were *Rubus caesius*, *Salix alba*, *Aristolochia clematitis*, *Populus alba*, *Populus nigra*. From among the invasive species only *Amorpha fruticosa* could be reckoned among the dominants. Considering the natural association-forming species, *Salix alba* (V), *Populus alba* (III) and *Populus nigra* (III) were found in the majority of the stands. Hybrid poplar plantations are also present in this section, and their proportion is increasing. Valuable species recorded in this community were *Leucojum aestivum*, *Gratiola officinalis* and *Eryngium planum*. Altogether 109 species were counted in the old relevés. Compared to this number, the low species number of the recent relevés indicated a very fast impoverishment trend of the community.

Szolnok-Tokaj section

Gallery forests

Újvárosi published a synthetic coenological table from the Szolnok-Polgár section on the basis of 20 relevés (Újvárosi 1940). This article was used by Soó to describe the gallery forest along the Tisza (Soó 1973). In addition to these data we found only 3 further relevés made by Bodrogközy, but they were not comparable with those of Újvárosi and were not included in further numerical analyses.

Bodrogközy's data show observations similar to those recorded in the river sections described above. The herb layer was species rich, 56 herbaceous species were recorded. *Urtica dioica* and *Poa trivialis* were the most dominant, other species occurred sporadically. Shrub layer was sparse, it was composed of mainly *Amorpha fruticosa* and *Celtis australis*. *Cornus sanguinea* was present as the only

natural gallery forest shrub species. *Salix alba* and *Populus alba* dominated the canopy.

The species-composition of the canopy was very diverse in Újvárosi's relevés. Beside the generally occurring plants – *Populus alba* (III), *P. nigra* (II) – four willow species – *Salix triandra* (V), *S. alba* (III), *S. fragilis* (III), *S. viminalis* (II) – were detected. Újvárosi revealed *Alnus glutinosa* (I) and *Ulmus glabra* (I) in this river section, which are very rare in Hungary. The shrub layer was rich in natural association-forming species (*Ligustrum vulgare*, *Rhamnus cathartica*, *Crataegus monogyna*, *Frangula alnus*, *Malus sylvestris*, *Cornus sanguinea*), but these occurred with very low average cover and constancy values. Only two invasive species (*Amorpha fruticosa*, *Acer negundo*) were found. Frequent and generalist species of the herb layer were: *Poa palustris* (V), *Aristolochia clematitis* (III), *Calystegia sepium* (III), *Cucubalus baccifer* (III), *Lysimachia nummularia* (III), *Stachys palustris* (III), *Cuscuta lupuliformis* (III), others were sparse. According to the relevés, the flora of this section consisted of 99 species. Valuable plants were: *Cnidium dubium*, *Epipactis purpurata*, *Iris sibirica*, *Leucanthemella serotina*, *Leucojum aestivum*.

Bodrogzug

Gallery forests

The rivers Bodrog and Tisza join at Tokaj forming a common floodplain, this is the reason why this section is distinguished from the others.

The flora of this river section was rather poor, altogether 95 species were found, but this can be explained with the low number of the relevés.

Frequent and abundant species were *Salix alba* (V), *Populus alba* (IV), *Rubus caesius* (IV), *Populus nigra* (III), *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (III), *Lysimachia nummularia* (V), *Lycopus europaeus* (V). *Ulmus laevis* reached high constancy but very low AD values in the relevés. Some forest species appeared also in the stands: *Geum urbanum*, *Angelica sylvestris*, *Galeopsis pubescens*, *Aegopodium podagraria*.

Tisza section north of Tokaj

Gallery forests

Most of the relevés taken in this region originate from the middle of the last century and were recorded on AD-scale. Only one stand was represented by relevés taken on percentage scale with 51 species, and its abundant plants were *Rubus caesius*, *Salix alba*, *Fraxinus angustifolia*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Glechoma hederacea*.

Simon documented very thoroughly the vegetation of the upper-Tisza section in the 1950s (Simon 1957). We used mainly his data in the evaluation. In addition to this, Dragulescu took relevés in four stands partly in the Ukrainian section of the river in 1995.

On the basis of the above data, predominating species of the stands were *Rubus caesius* (V), *Salix alba* (IV), *Populus nigra* (IV), *Urtica dioica* (V), *Stachys palustris* (III), *Lycopus europaeus* (III), *Agrostis stolonifera* (III). *Amorpha fruticosa* was missing from Dragulescu's data. In general we can say that a few species had high coverage, and several native accompanying species occurred with low abundance as colouring elements. The number of protected plants was significantly higher in this section: *Acer tataricum*, *Aegopodium podagraria*, *Anemone ranunculoides*, *Athyrium filix-femina*, *Circaea lutetiana*, *Clematis vitalba*, *Convallaria majalis*, *Leucanthemella serotina*, *Leucojum aestivum*, *Polygonatum odoratum*.

This section had the highest species diversity, its flora consisted of 213 species that should be caused by several factors. Continuous species immigration from the surrounding mountainous areas can basically result in higher species number in contrast to the stands developed on the Great Hungarian Plain far away from this species pool. On the other hand, most of the relevés were taken at the 1940-50s, when the intensive human influence that affected more the lowland region was not so considerable, yet.

River Maros

We analysed the gallery forests along the river Maros by dividing the relevés into two groups according to their locality. We distinguished the Hungarian section affected by intensive human land use, and the more natural Romanian stands. Tóth took relevés on Braun-Blanquet scale on the Hungarian section in the 1950s, and we evaluated her data separately from the others (Czúcz, Révész, Margóczy, Makra and Penksza) within the Hungarian section because of different data scales and the long temporal distance.

The following species occurred with high constancy values and average cover in all the relevés *Salix alba*, *Rubus caesius*, *Urtica dioica*, *Populus alba*.

Gallery forests at the Hungarian section

In addition to the above mentioned species, further ones were present with high constancy and average cover values in the relevés of the Hungarian section in the 1950s: *Populus nigra* (IV), *Lysimachia nummularia* (III), *Aristolochia clematitis* (IV), *Calystegia sepium* (V), *Agrostis stolonifera* (IV). Several protected species were also recorded: *Cephalanthera damasonium*, *Epipactis helleborine*, *Clematis integrifolia*, *Leucojum aestivum*, *Vitis sylvestris*. Total number of the occurring

species was 181. Climber plants were represented with low constancy and cover values that could refer to the regular land use and more intensive human disturbances (for example: fishing, basket weaving, brushwood gathering).

In the recently taken relevés lots of adventive species were recorded on the Hungarian section, which had high constancy values (*Amorpha fruticosa* (V), *Acer negundo* (III), *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (III)). These species often dominated in the lower layers as seedlings and saplings, too. The forest plantations (both hybrid poplar and native trees) occupied large areas on the floodplain and their flora considerably differed from the natural community composition. In the plantations the following species proved to be frequent: *Ulmus laevis*, *Morus alba*, *Celtis occidentalis*, *Quercus robur*. Relevés containing *Populus nigra* (III) and *Populus alba* (IV) can not be distinguished unambiguously from each other. One natural association-forming species, *Cornus sanguinea* (IV) was frequent in the stands and just one protected species (*Epipactis helleborine*) occurred. The flora of this type was composed of 78 species.

Gallery forests at the Romanian section

The species number was significantly higher on the Romanian section, altogether 158 species could be listed. Predominant species of the relevés were *Salix fragilis*, *Populus alba*, *Ranunculus repens*, *Helianthus decapetalus*, *Sambucus nigra*, *Amorpha fruticosa*. Many species occurred with high constancy but low coverage: *Agrostis stolonifera* (IV), *Urtica dioica* (IV), *Glechoma hederacea* (IV), *Aegopodium podagraria* (III), *Echinocystis lobata* (III), *Humulus lupulus* (III), *Gallium aparine* (III). Several elements of the mountainous flora were present: *Aegopodium podagraria*, *Angelica sylvestris*, *Anthriscus caucalis*, *Circaea lutetiana*, *Galeopsis speciosa*, *Heracleum sphondylium*, *Polygonatum latifolium*, *Alnus incana*. Some species protected in terms of the Hungarian law were recorded e.g. *Tamus communis*, *Telekia speciosa*, *Clematis integrifolia*.

River Körös

Gallery forests

The research intensity of the gallery forests along the river Körös is not satisfactory therefore we found very few data (only from two stands), and the adequate description of this section needs further researches. The following species occurred in both stands: *Echinocystis lobata*, *Salix alba*, *Salix fragilis*, *Artemisia vulgaris*, *Urtica dioica*, and these were at the same time the most abundant species. Most of the species fell in the range of ± 1 AD values. Altogether 50 species were reported. Rare species of this section was *Alnus glutinosa* from the Romanian section of the White-Körös.

River Bodrog

Gallery forests

The relevés came from four different habitats therefore this analysis can not be considered as representative. Altogether 72 species were reported from the relevés.

Characteristic species of this section were *Rubus caesius*, *Populus alba*, *Populus nigra*, *Salix alba*, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Lemna minor*, *Spirodela polyrhiza*. Usually one tree species (mainly *Populus nigra* or *Salix alba*) was dominant in the canopy, others were present with lower coverage. In some cases, the values of the synthetic table could be misleading because of the few relevés. For example: *Convallaria majalis* occurred with high average cover, but had very high abundance just in a single relevé (85 %) of one stand. Protected/valuable species which appeared in the relevés were not very typical of gallery forests, they indicated other environmental influences (mountainous climate, permanent water cover): *Leucojum aestivum*, *Convallaria majalis*, *Iris graminea*, *Salvinia natans*, *Pyrus pyraeaster*.

River Szamos

Gallery forests

We evaluated the gallery forests along river Szamos on the basis of data from eleven stands. Data came from Dragulescu and Simon (Simon 1957). *Salix alba* was found in the highest coverage in certain places mixed with *Salix fragilis* and *Populus nigra*. The following species were dominant: *Rubus caesius* (V), *Populus nigra* (IV), *Salix alba* (V), *Amorpha fruticosa* (III) in most of the relevés. *Populus alba* had no important role, it was recorded only in four stands out of the eleven with ± 1 AD values. Further frequent species were *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Urtica dioica*, *Helianthus decapetalus*, *Calystegia sepium*, *Taraxacum officinale* in the herb layer. *Amorpha fruticosa* was a typical element of the vegetation composition just at the region of Szamosbecs, in other sites it was present with much lower AD and constancy values.

Further 10 cenological relevés were taken by Fintha at Szamosbecs (Fintha 1969), but he used a modified AD scale with unknown scaling therefore his data are not included in this paper.

Multivariate evaluation

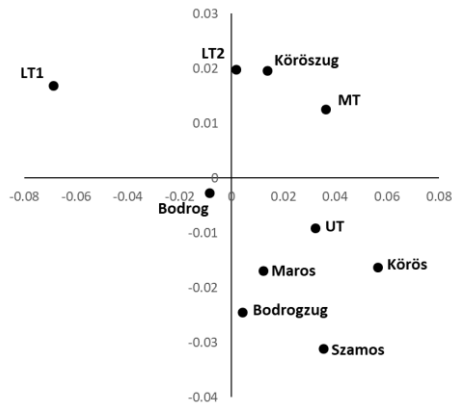


Fig. 2. Scatterplot of the ordination of gallery forest relevés (NMDS, ordinal variable, Gower index). Only centroids of ten groups are marked. LT1: Lower Tisza section 1; LT2: Lower Tisza section 2; MT: Middle Tisza section; UT: Upper Tisza section.

Two hundred and fifty relevés were evaluated with Non-metric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS, ordinal variable, Gower index). Number of species was rather high, some 400 species were recorded in the relevés but only 223 species occurred with more than 1% frequency. Due to the large number of relevés, we do not indicate all the points in Figure 2 but the centroids of the ten regional groups. The points do not show marked aggregations, the groups broadly overlap; only a weak trend can be detected from lower Tisza sections towards the Northern border. Centroids (and also the point clouds) of upper Tisza, Szamos, Bodrog, Körös and Maros are comparatively separated from the others, indicating a certain effect from the Transylvanian floristic region.

Summarised evaluation

Considering all the river sections and tributaries, we can draw the following conclusions:

1. *Salix alba*, *Populus nigra*, *Rubus caesius* and *Urtica dioica* can be regarded as constant association-forming elements (occurring with high constancy and average cover). Other frequent species were *Lysimachia nummularia*, *L. vulgaris*, *Glechoma hederacea*.

2. *Populus alba* and *Populus nigra* occurred with changing constancy values along the river.

3. The classification of the willow-poplar gallery forests existing along river Tisza is difficult according to the recent nomenclature on the basis of the available relevés. First of all, the samples do not completely fulfil the statistical requirements, thus the proportion of certain association types and the differences among the stands can not be regarded as representative of the whole Tisza section. Lots of background information are missing (for example: exact locality of the stands, relief characteristics, quadrat size, complete coenological data including the whole vegetation period, number of the relevés taken in a single stand etc.).

Recently, majority of the stands is plantation in the whole Tisza valley (mainly in the lower and middle Tisza sections), in contrast to Timár's experiences in the 1950s (Timár 1953). Therefore, the natural and semi-natural vegetation types were forced back into small patches. Considering the relevés of the more natural upper sections we can say, that the three tree species characteristic of the willow-poplar gallery forests (*Salix alba*, *Populus nigra*, *Populus alba*) were not segregated exactly on association-level, they occurred together in most of the stands. This mixed species-composition was confirmed by the multivariate analyses, too. The explanation of this phenomenon should be that the natural processes could not play an important role and the segregation of the association-forming species could not be realized effectively at the extremely fragmented and reduced floodplain. The relief differences, which are important in the development of certain association types, are mainly absent from the recent inundation area, too.

4. Constant and dominant species in the shrub layer was *Rubus caesius* in each section. According to literature data, the *Rubus caesius* facies of the gallery forests is one of the most widespread types, and it could turn into a secondary, strongly degraded form, which is very poor in species, due to the permanent and intensive grazing (Kárpáti 1958/a). In his compendium, Soó also distinguished a *Rubus caesius* facies, and qualified it as a secondary type (Soó 1964). Timár mentioned that the gallery forests along the dikes were pastured almost everywhere in the lower Tisza section, and therefore they became weedy, and *Rubus caesius* also dominated these stands (Timár 1953). According to Borhidi and Kevey, the increase of *Rubus caesius* indicates the drying of the area (Borhidi *et al.* 1999).

With the previous statements we wanted to emphasize that the reason why *Rubus caesius* could become one of the most dominant elements in the floodplain forests is the gradual drying up of the area after the water regulation. Grazing has the same effect as the drying due to the strong trampling.

5. The dominance of *Urtica dioica* in the herb layer is indicative of the high nitrogen content of the soil. According to the ecological indicator values by Borhidi, it indicates the hyperfertilized soils (Horváth *et al.* 1995).

6. *Bidens tripartitus* appeared in the stands of the lowland section and along the tributaries with quite high constancy values. We experienced that in the herb layer the real abundance of *Bidens tripartitus* and some other species (mainly the invasive plants as *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Acer negundo* etc.) could be estimated best

at the end of summer. Earlier the seeds are dormant, therefore it is easy to underestimate the abundance of these species.

7. *Calystegia sepium* performed with high (IV-V) constancy values in the archive relevés, but in the recent vegetation it became insignificant (K=I-II). On the basis of the ecological indicator values, this species indicates nitrogen-rich and water-saturated soil (Horváth *et al.* 1995). Consequently, its decrease along the River Tisza is connected with the drying processes.

8. Comparing the Romanian and the Hungarian sections of the Maros, we found that there was a lot more species with high constancy values at the Romanian section: 19 species occurred with IV-V constancy. Its explanation should be that species can still spread easily among the stands there; the fragmentation of the natural habitats is not so considerable.

9. Several data support the role of the River Tisza and its tributaries in maintaining the species-dispersion (Gallé *et al.* 1995, Gallé 2002, Gallé 2003). This process is traceable by the changing constancy values of the easily spreading invasive species in different river sections and in time.

9.1. *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* was present with low constancy and abundance (K=1, range of the Braun Blanquet scale: +1) in the archive relevés of the Upper-Tisza, but in the recent relevés it became very dominant element (K=V: southern frontier-Csongrád, Csongrád-Szolnok, Köröszug, K=III: Bodrogzug). Its spreading was forced by the natural disturbances, the intensive human land-use and the increasing proportion of the forest plantations.

9.2. In recent data, *Amorpha fruticosa* occurred with high abundance and constancy (K= IV-V) in most of the stands on the whole Hungarian section of River Tisza, contrasting with the archive records, in which it was found with far lower constancy values (K=I-II).

Amorpha fruticosa was missing from the 1991 relevés of the Romanian section of River Maros, but in other sections it was present with constancy III-IV. *Amorpha fruticosa* was detected with constancy III by Tóth at the Hungarian section in the 1960s.

9.3. The spreading process of *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* was very similar to that of *Amorpha fruticosa*. *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* was absented in the archive and recent relevés of the Romanian section, but was present with constancy III at the Hungarian section of river Maros.

From the above data, it can be assumed that these species spread from the inundation area of River Tisza towards the Romanian section of River Maros oppositely with the direction of flow. This is due to the fact that *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* was planted mainly along the Tisza basin, and spread spontaneously towards the Maros.

9.4. *Acer negundo* did not appear in as large quantities in the inundation area as *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*. It was found in larger proportion mainly in the lowland

section of Tisza. It occurred also along the tributaries with abundance increasing in time.

9.5. According to some field experiences the colonisation of the above mentioned invasive species should depend on the quantity of seeds arriving at a single habitat-patch, and is not influenced by the relief, soil and microclimate conditions of the habitat.

Coenological characteristics of the flora of the willow scrubs and gallery forests

We compared the willow scrub and gallery forest communities on the basis of the coenological affinity of their flora. We used the revised Soó's coenosystematic classification system (Horváth *et al.* 1995), and evaluated the flora of the relevés along the river Tisza and its tributaries (since the sampling methods were not standardized the cover values were not considered, we used only the presence/absence values). It was necessary to set up a new category for the adventive species missing from the system, because they have a strong effect on the floodplain plant communities.

Altogether 252 species were recorded in the relevés of the willow scrubs, including the introduced alien species, too. The analysis was performed from 240 species because the remaining species were not classified in the Soó's system. The relevés of the gallery forests consisted of 433 species, 416 of which were included in the analysis.

Conclusions at division level

The species of the willow scrub communities were classified in 9 categories plus in an adventive category. The gallery forest species belonged to 13+1 (adventive) categories. This difference may be caused by more variable habitat conditions in the gallery forest stands.

Eighty eight per cent of the flora of willow scrubs and 80 % of the gallery forest species were included in the following four categories:

1. Indifferent species

This group is the largest in both community types. It gives 39 % of the willow scrub flora, and 28 % of the gallery forest flora. These species are generalists and have wide tolerance spectrum, thus the regularly developing sediment surfaces may provide an ideal colonization site for them. These conditions are more frequent in the habitats of the willow scrub (shores and sandbanks), therefore this could partly explain the marked differences among the flora of the two associations.

Another explanation should be the different level of organization of the two associations. The more extreme habitat conditions of the willow scrubs could not

allow the development of a plant community with highly organized and more or less constant species pool. Alluvial soils developing usually every year could provide excellent colonization sites for any kind of propagules. However, the gallery forests developed on a little higher relief in wider extent, thus the organization of the stands is higher. Later association could filter the species pool.

2. Chenopodio-Schleranthea

The division contains the plant associations of the disturbed habitats. This category roughly gives the same proportion of the flora in the case of both associations (willow scrubs: 28 %, gallery forests: 24 %). This indicates that the two habitats do not differ significantly from each other in respect of the disturbance effects.

3. Cypero-Phragmitea

Greater difference was detected between the two associations in respect of the *Cypero-Phragmitea* species. The proportion of these species in the willow scrubs – 14 % – gives almost the double to the species of the gallery forests (8 %). This strong difference may be explained by the number of *Nanocyperion* species colonizing in high proportion on the crude alluvial soils along the riverside.

Considering the species number instead of the proportion, the result is different a bit: partly different species (elements of large sedge communities, reed beds and amphibious communities) but broadly in the same number are present in the two community types.

4. Quercu-Fagea

The species of this division are characteristic of the gallery forests. They give 20,6 % of the total species pool. Regarding the willow scrubs this category shares just 6,6 % in the flora. This shows the close connection of the gallery forests towards the mesophilous oak woods and the hardwood forests.

Floristic characters at lower syntaxonomic levels

The species of *Calystegion sepium* alliance were represented in both community types in a considerable proportion (they gave 3,7 % of the flora of the willow scrubs and 5,3 % of the gallery forest). This means 9 species in the willow scrubs, and 13 species in the gallery forests. All the 9 species of the willow scrubs occurred also in the gallery forest. Certain adventive species associated so strongly to this coenotaxon that they may be considered as members of the group

Calystegion sepium (for example: *Acer negundo*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Echinocystis lobata*).

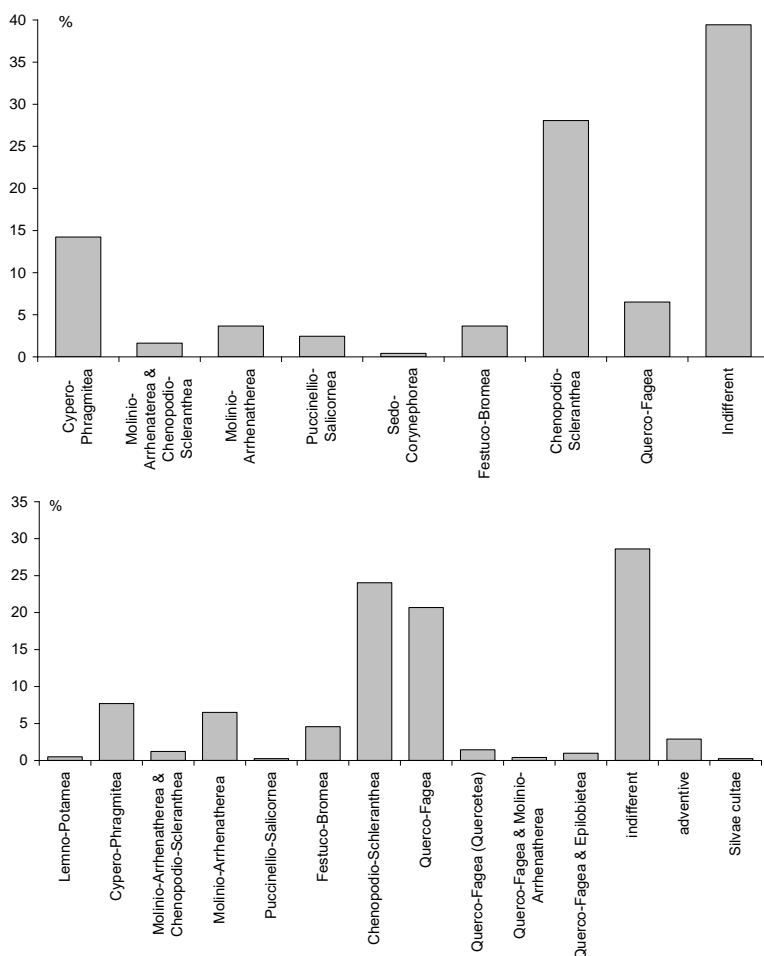


Fig. 3. Percentage distribution of the species belonging to coenosystematic categories at division level. The indifferent and more or less indifferent species are put together.

Salicion triandrae and *Salicion albae* species were present with almost the same weight in the species pool of the willow scrubs. *Salicion triandrae* was represented with the same two species (*Salix triandra*, *S. viminalis*) in both associations. Six species of *Salicion albae* alliance occurred only in the gallery forests and gave 2,1 % of the flora (*Leucojum aestivum*, *Rumex obtusifolius*, *Epipactis purpurata*, *Carduus crispus*, *Vitis sylvestris* and *Alnus incana*).

As it was expected, the order *Nanocyperetalia* shared in the flora of the willow scrubs in higher proportion (4,58 %). This may refer to the favourable habitat conditions rather than the biotic connections.

The species of *Molinieta* order shared in the flora of the gallery forests in 2,6 %. Species of large sedge communities and flood swards could colonize the herb layer since the canopy of this forest was open.

Fagetalia species gave 1,25 % of the flora of the willow scrubs and 4,08 % of the gallery forests (*Alno-Padion* shared in 0,96 %). This indicates again the floristic connection between the gallery forest and mesophyllous oak woods and hardwood forests.

As for the composition of the flora of the willow scrubs, 70,4 % of its species were also the components of the gallery forests. Further species are ranked as cultivated plants (2,8 %), amphibious and ruderal species (26,8 %). Thus, no species was found characteristic exclusively for the willow scrubs.

There are several causes of this:

1. Influences of the coenotaxonomic system on the sampling methods: at the beginning, the willow scrubs were not considered a separate association, thus during the sampling of the gallery forests some parts of the willow scrub stands were included in the quadrat, and its species were recorded as the species of the gallery forests.

2. The floristic composition of these two habitat-types is very similar. The flora of the willow scrubs differs from that of the gallery forest mainly in the dominant tree species which determine the physiognomy of the stands, and in the presence of *Nanocyperion* species. The lower shrub- and the herb layers contain almost the same species. This may be explained with the natural disturbances which are the most important processes, thus influencing the species composition. The disturbance tolerant species are present in both associations; certain differences are detected on stand level depending on the successful colonization after the floods. Considering the abundance relation of the species, however, we found greater differences among the two vegetation types.

Adventive species in the floodplain forests

Most of the adventive species have already been classified in certain coenosystematic categories, but considering their very important effect on the floodplain forest communities, we analyzed them in more detail. We used the categories of the invasive neophytes for the separation of the adventive species according to Mihály *et al.* (2004).

Fifteen invasive neophyte species occurred in the willow scrubs (6,25 % of the flora): *Acer negundo*, *Amaranthus retroflexus*, *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Echinocystis lobata*, *Erigeron annuus* ssp. *strigosus*,

Galinsoga parviflora, *Oxalis stricta*, *Robinia pseudo-acacia*, *Solidago gigantea* ssp. *serotina*, *Xanthium italicum*, *Xanthium spinosum*, *Oenothera biennis*, *Panicum miliaceum*.

The following invasive neophytes were present in the gallery forests (29 species, 6,9 % of the flora): *Acer negundo*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Artemisia annua*, *Bidens frondosa*, *Celtis occidentalis*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Cuscuta campestris*, *Cyperus difformis*, *Echinocystis lobata*, *Erigeron annuus* ssp. *annuus*, *Erigeron annuus* ssp. *strigosus*, *Fallopia japonica*, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Galinsoga parviflora*, *Helianthus decapetalus*, *Impatiens parviflora*, *Juncus tenuis*, *Oenothera biennis*, *Oxalis stricta*, *Parthenocissus inserta*, *Robinia pseudo-acacia*, *Rudbeckia laciniata*, *Solidago canadensis*, *Solidago gigantea* ssp. *serotina*, *Vitis riparia*, *Xanthium italicum*, *Xanthium spinosum*.

Above species lists suggest that significantly fewer invasive neophytes occurred in the willow scrubs than in the gallery forests, and this contradicts to the opinions (in connection with the indifferent species) that the willow scrubs are more open to the generalist species, and their stands are less organized than those of the gallery forests. The virtual contradiction should be due to the timing of the sampling: the relevés of the willow scrubs were taken in the 1950s when much fewer invasive species should have been present in the floodplain of river Tisza. This hypothesis needs further investigations to verify because probably the forest management and land use affected also the colonization and spread of the adventive species.

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X. MEZOPHILOUS DECIDUOUS FORESTS – FAGETALIA SYLVATICAE

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Mezophilous deciduous forests are classified into the order *Fagetalia*. Of the forests on the Tisza floodplain, the oak-ash-elm forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*) and the oak-hornbeam forests (*Circaeo-Carpinetum*) belong to this order. The former association is a representative of the *Alnion incanae*, while the latter represents the *Fagion sylvaticae* alliance.

***Alnion incanae* Pawłowski in Pawłowski *et al.* 1928**

Within the alliance of the hardwood gallery forests, *Alnenion glutinosae-incanae* Oberd. 1953 and *Ulmenion* Oberd. 1953 suballiances are distinguished.

***Alnenion glutinosae-incanae* Oberd. 1953**

Of the hardwood gallery forests, the alder gallery forests occur in habitats that are a little closer to the groundwater than those of the oak-ash-elm forests. On the Hungarian Plain, and therefore along the Tisza river, they are very rare. In this suballiance, only one association, the plain alder gallery forest (*Paridi quadrifoliae-Alnetum*), has been reported from the area.

X.1 *Paridi quadrifoliae-Alnetum* Kevey in Borhidi et Kevey 1996

Syn.: *Fraxineto-Ulmetum alnosum* Soó 1943 p.p.

Habitat characteristics

The alder-dominated forests occurring on the floodplains of the lowland rivers have been considered for long a consociation (Soó 1940, 1943) or subassociation (Jurko 1958) of the oak-ash-elm gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*). Our research in the Szigetköz (Kevey 1993, Kevey in Borhidi and Kevey 1996) and along the Dráva river (Kevey 2006) has demonstrated that these forest stands should be regarded a distinct association, *Paridi quadrifoliae-Alnetum*. Recently, similar alder gallery forests have been found in other areas of the Hungarian Plain (Hanság, Rábaköz, Marcal-medence, Mezőföld, Harkány-Nagynyárád plain, Nyírség, Bereg-Szatmár plain).

The alder gallery forests of the plains cover the low-lying, local depressions of the higher floodplain. Before the regulation of the rivers, they could have been flooded only during very high flood levels. Today they occur only outside of the dikes. Their habitats differ substantially from those of the alder gallery forests of the mountains and hilly areas, where they occur along more or less rapid streams. The alder gallery forests of the plains typically inhabit areas along very slow streams and still waters. Typical stands are found on somewhat higher reliefs surrounding alder swamps, or on moist, lower reliefs within oak-ash-elm forests. They generally occur on hard, alluvial forest soils. However, the soil of the alder gallery forest right next to swamps may contain a certain amount of decaying peat. Since the habitat of this association is primarily determined by groundwater, the association is edaphic.

Physiognomy

The size of the alder gallery forests of the plains is generally small. Often, they occur in a narrow stripe next to alder and willow swamps. Their presence is nevertheless apparent, and should not be ignored. The alder forests bordering mountain streams are not larger either, and there are as broad as 40-50 m alder gallery forests on the plains.

The canopy of the alder gallery forests studied in the Nyírség covers 65-80 % with height of 25-28 m. The dominant tree is *Alnus glutinosa*, but *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* may play a similar role in the structure of the association. The lower canopy layer is 13-18 m high covering 20-40 % of the ground surface. *Alnus glutinosa*, *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* and *Ulmus laevis* occur in it in small groups. The bush layer is more or less well developed. It is composed mostly of *Cornus sanguinea*, *Corylus avellana* and *Sambucus nigra*, and the saplings of some tree species (*Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica*, *Ulmus laevis*, *Ulmus minor*). The cover of the herbaceous layer is 70-95 %, with the following species becoming locally abundant: *Aegopodium podagraria*, *Allium ursinum*, *Brachypodium sylvaticum*, *Circaea lutetiana*, *Glechoma hederacea*, *Polygonatum latifolium*, *Rubus caesius*, *Stachys sylvatica*. On the Bereg-Szatmár plains, *Galeobdolon luteum* and *Leucojum vernum* may be added to this list.

Early spring aspect of the alder gallery forests is usually well expressed. Characteristic species are *Allium ursinum*, *Anemone ranunculoides*, *Ficaria verna* and *Lathraea squamaria*. On the Bereg-Szatmár plain, these species are accompanied by *Anemone nemorosa*, *Gagea lutea*, *Galanthus nivalis* and *Leucojum vernum*.

Species composition

The alder gallery forests in the Nyírség are less typical than those found in the Szigetköz and on the Dráva plain. Their species combination is more similar to that of oak-ash-elm forests. Nevertheless, the weighted proportion of species characteristic of swamps (*Alnetea glutinosae* s.l.: 5.7 %) is the highest here indicating the successional past of the association. In the herb layer, some elements of the wet meadows with peaty soil (*Molinio-Juncetea*, *Molinietalia coeruleae*) may also appear. Characteristic species of the softwood (*Salicetea purpureae* s.l.: 4.6 %) and hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae* s.l.: 11.6 %) as well as the mezophilous deciduous forests (*Fagetalia*: 12.7 %) play a significant role of the species composition.

Characterization of the species composition of the alder gallery forests of the Bereg-Szatmár plain based on a single relevé is not meaningful. There are, however, some unique or rare species, such as *Anemone nemorosa*, *Gagea spathacea*, *Leucojum vernum* and *Oenanthe banatica* that have been found in this stand. In the Nyírség, rarities occurring in these forests include *Lilium martagon*, *Listera ovata* and *Veratrum album*.

Distribution of alder gallery forests on the Tisza plain

The plain alder gallery forests (*Paridi quadrifoliae-Alnetum*) are very rare on the Tisza plain. Some small stands are found at the southeastern part of the Nyírség, such as at Nyirábrány „Mogyorósi-erdő”, Terem „Nagyfenék”, as well as between Tiborszállás and Mérk „Vadaskerti-erdő” (Kevey 2006). According to Papp L. (*ex verb.*) the alder occurs in Nyírség only as a planted tree, although at the above sites it seems to be native. On the Bereg-Szatmár plain, only a single small fragment of alder gallery forest has been located next to Beregdaróc in „Dédai-erdő” (Kevey 2006).

Ulmenion Oberd. 1953

Relative to alder gallery forests, associations inhabiting areas somewhat higher (i.e., at greater distance) from the groundwater table are classified into the suballiance of *Ulmenion*. As one of the white poplar gallery forests named *Fraxino-Populetum* Jurko 1958 is classified into this suballiance by Jurko (1958), Oberdorfer (1992), and Wallnöfer *et al.* (1993) rather than into the softwood gallery forests, we discuss the white poplar gallery forests of the Hungarian Plain (*Senecioni sarracenici-Populetum albae*) here together with the oak-ash-elm gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*).

X.2 *Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum* Soó in Aszód 1935 corr. Soó 1963

Syn.: *Fraxineto-Ulmetum* Soó 1937; *Ulmeto-Fraxineto-Roboretum* Simon 1950; *Ulmeto-Roboretum* Hargitai 1938–1939; *Querceto-Fraxineto-Ulmetum* Soó 1943, Ujvárosi 1940, Balázs 1943; Ubrizsi 1956, Simon 1957.

Habitat characteristics and zonality

The oak-ash-elm gallery forests are the climax community in the successional series on the floodplains. They are found on the higher floodplain of the Tisza and its tributaries, where flooding occurs at extremely high water levels only. The majority of these forests are protected from floods by dikes, but on the Bereg-Szatmár plain (for example, Gergelyugornya „Bagiszegei-erdő”) and Bodrogek (for example, Satoraljaújhely „Long-erdő”; Vámosújfalú „Papok-erdeje”) there are some forests exposed to flooding even today.

The oak-ash-elm gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*) succeed the white poplar gallery forests (*Senecioni fluviatilis-Populetum albae*) as a result of sedimentation in the habitat and accumulation of deposits. They may directly border slow streams and brooks on the plain, as at several places in the eastern Nyírség (for example, Bátorliget „Veres-folyás”, „Fényi-erdő”, Terem „Nagyfenék”). They may also occur at a distance from rivers and other water bodies at locations where the groundwater level is high enough (for example, Debrecen „Halápi-erdő”, „Nagy-erdő”; Nyíradony „Gúthi-erdő”). Natural sedimentation of swamps may also lead to the development of these forests (pl. Csaroda „Nyíres-tó”; Vámospércs „Jónás-rész”). Alder gallery forests (*Paridi quadrifoliae-Alnetum*) may also occasionally occur in between the shrinking alder swamps (*Fraxino pannonicae-Alnetum*) and oak-ash-elm gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*).

These forests represent a transitional stage between the higrophilous and mezophilous deciduous forests. Their soils are typically humus-rich alluvial forest soils showing some signs of transition to brown forest soils. They are less moist compared to the soils of alder gallery forests. The water balance of these soils is influenced by the course of the rivers and streams, and the height of the groundwater table, as well as the physical characteristics of the alluvial deposits (pebble, sand, silt or loess). As the characteristics of the oak-ash-elm gallery forests on the plains are significantly influenced by the groundwater, they are regarded as edaphic associations.

Physiognomy

The height of canopy layer of the oak-ash-elm gallery forests is at about 25-30 m with a cover of 60-85 %. When trees are less dense covering about 30-40 %, the

lower canopy layer is well-developed. The dominant trees are *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* and *Quercus robur*, although occasionally white poplar (*Populus alba*) may form a consociation. Both elm species, *Ulmus laevis* and *U. minor*, were much more abundant in the past until the elm disease decimated their populations. Today they occur only in small groups or as scattered individual trees.

The lower canopy layer is variable in both percentage cover (10-60 %) and height (8-20 m). The young specimens of *Ulmus laevis*, *U. minor* and *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* are characteristic in this layer, and *Prunus padus* also appears at several locations. Some lianas, such as *Clematis vitalba*, *Hedera helix* and *Vitis sylvestris* even reach this layer. The shrub layer varies widely in cover and height (5–80 %, 2–5 m, resp.), which may be attributed to forestry practices. It mainly consists of *Cornus sanguinea*, *Corylus avellana* and *Prunus padus*, but at some places *Sambucus nigra* and the shrub-sized individuals of certain trees (*Acer pseudo-platanus*, *Fraxinus excelsior*) are abundant. In the lower shrub layer (the layer of saplings) sometimes *Hedera helix* becomes locally abundant. The cover of the herbaceous layer varies between 20 and 100 %. The following species may be locally dominant: *Aegopodium podagraria*, *Allium ursinum*, *Anemone nemorosa*, *Anemone ranunculoides*, *Convallaria majalis*, *Corydalis cava*, *Corydalis solida*, *Equisetum hyemale*, *Ficaria verna*, *Galeobdolon luteum*, *Galium odoratum*, *Mercurialis perennis*, *Polygonatum latifolium*, *Vinca minor*. The early spring aspect is particularly characteristic with the following species: *Allium ursinum*, *Anemone nemorosa*, *Anemone ranunculoides*, *Corydalis cava*, *Corydalis solida*, *Crocus heuffelianus*, *Ficaria verna*, *Fritillaria meleagris*, *Gagea litea*, *Gagea spathacea*, *Galanthus nivalis*, *Isopyrum thalictroides*, *Leucojum vernum*, *Scilla kladnii*, *Scilla vindobonensis*.

Species composition

Compared to alder gallery forests, the proportion of species characteristic of marshes (*Phragmitetea* s.l.) and meadows on peaty soil (*Molinio-Juncetea* s.l.) is smaller in the oak-ash-elm gallery forests. Similar tendencies are apparent in the species characteristic of softwood gallery forests (*Salicetea purpureae* s.l.) and alder swamps (*Alnetea* s.l.). These data suggest that the habitat of the oak-ash-elm gallery forests is less moist, than that of alder gallery forests. Species of the mezophilous deciduous forests (*Querco-Fagetea*, *Fagetalia*) and hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae*) play the greatest role in this association. They are partly demontane elements dispersed here via the rivers, and the rest are remnants of the Bükk I. age (Zólyomi 1936, 1952) with a cooler, more even climate. Interestingly, the species of dry oak forests (*Quercetea pubescentis-petraeae*) occur in similar proportions, which is likely related to the current habitat conditions of the majority of these forests outside of the dikes.

In the species composition of the oak-ash-elm gallery forests of the various regions, significant differences may be observed in some cases. With respect to the weighted proportion of characteristic species, stands of the Bodrogeköz are the most similar to white poplar gallery forests (*Senecioni sarracenici-Populetum albae*), because species characteristic of swamps (*Cypero-Phragmitea* s.l.: 4.0 %) and softwood gallery forests (*Salicetea purpureae* s.l.: 7.1 %) are the most abundant here. Oak-ash-elm gallery forests of the eastern Nyírség and the Bereg-Szatmár plains are the most similar to the oak-hornbeam forests because of the higher proportions of *Fagetalia* species (20.1 %, and 19.0 %, respectively). In the oak-ash-elm gallery forests of the western Nyírség, the proportion of dry oak forest species (*Quercetea pubescentis-petraeae* s.l.) is the highest (17.5 %), and that of the mezophilous deciduous forests (*Fagetalia*) species (7.7 %) is the lowest, rendering them more similar to closed oak forests on sand (*Convallario-Quercetum roboris*). This phenomenon is partly caused by the climatic differences, since the western half of Nyírség is adjacent to the Tisza plain with a more continental, dry climate.

The oak-ash-elm gallery forests harbor a number of characteristic but rare species that differ from region to region. These species mostly play an insignificant role in the association, but can be used to characterize the association, since they are usually relics of earlier times. The majority of the species has not been found to occur along the Danube (indicated by an asterisk): *Carex strigosa* (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Chrysanthemum serotinum** (Bodrogeköz), *Crocus heuffelianus** (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Fritillaria meleagris** (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Gagea spathacea** (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Leucojum vernum** (Bodrogeköz, Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Melampyrum nemorosum* ssp. *debreceniense** (Nyírség), *Melica picta** (Nyírség), *Oenanthe banatica** (Bereg-Szatmár plain, eastern edge of Nyírség), *Scilla kladnii** (Bodrogeköz, Bereg-Szatmár plain, eastern edge of Nyírség), *Scrophularia scopoli** (Bereg-Szatmár plain, Körös-valley), *Tamus communis** (Körös-valley), *Thalictrum aquilegifolium** (Körös-valley), *Tilia tomentosa* (Nyírség, Bereg-Szatmár plain).

Distribution of oak-ash-elm gallery forests on the Tisza plain

Relatively large stands of oak-ash-elm gallery forests in natural conditions are found in the vicinity of the Körös rivers: Békéscsaba „Fácános”, „Pósteleki-erdő”; Bélmegyer „Szolga-erdő”; Doboz „Faluhelyi-erdő”, „Gerlamarói-erdő”, „Papholt-erdő”, „Madárfoki-erdő”, „Sebesfoki-erdő”; Gyula „Gelvács”, „Körös-erdő”, „Kutyahelyi-erdő”, „Mályvádi-erdő”, „Sitka”, „Város-erdő”; Sarkad „Remetei-erdő”; Szarvas „Erzsébetliget” etc. (Máthé 1936, Ubrizsy 1956, Kevey 2006). Their area has been steadily decreasing due to the expansion of hybrid poplar plantations.

The greatest number of stands of oak-ash-elm gallery forests with unique species composition occur on the Bereg-Szatmár plains: Beregdaróc „Dédai-erdő”,

„Közös-erdő”; Csengersima „Géci-erdő”; Fehérgyarmat „Birhó-erdő”; Jánkmajtis „Jánki-erdő”; Kérsemlén „Bakonya-erdő”; Körmör „Páskom”; Mánd „Mándi-erdő”; Olcsva; Szamosszeg „Grófi-erdő”; Tarpa „Kőris-erdő”, „Nagy-erdő”, „Téb-erdő”; Tiszakerecseny „Lónyai-erdő”; Tiszavid; Vámosatya „Bockereki-erdő”; Turrice „Ricsei-erdő”; Vásárosnamény „Bagiszeg-erdő”, „Szamoszug”, etc. (Hargitai 1943, Simon 1950, 1951, 1957, 1960, Kevey 2006.).

In the Nyírség, this association is much rarer. In the western part, it occurs only as fragments with atypical species composition: Debrecen „Halápi-erdő”, „Monostori-erdő”, „Nagy-erdő”, „Nagycserei-erdő”; Nyírábrány „Kőrises”, „Mogyorósi-erdő”; Nyíracsa „Jónás rész”; Nyíradony „Gúthi-erdő”; Újfehértó „Ángliusi-erdő”. The gallery forests found at the southeastern edge of Nyírség are much more typical: Bátorliget „Fényi-erdő”, „Veres-folyás”; Nyírvasvári „Csirák”; Terem „Nagyfenék”; Tiborszállás „Vadaskerti-erdő” (Soó 1937, 1938a, 1943, Kevey and Papp in Kevey 2006). These stands, however, are located in the sea of black locust plantations as isolated units.

In the Bodroghöz, only very few stands of oak-ash-elm gallery forests have succeeded to survive the last century (Becske „Becskei-erdő”; Dombrád; Pácín „Mosonnai-erdő”; Sátoraljaújhely „Long-erdő”; Tiszacsermely; Vámosújfal „Papok-erdeje”). Along the Tisza and its tributaries below the city of Tokaj, there are fewer and fewer gallery forests whose species composition is less and less typical (Tiszadob „Bárányszeg”, „Füz”, „Nagysózó”, „Őserdő”, „Szent-erdő”, „Sziget”, „Tölgy-erdő”, „Zátony”; Tiszaladány „Nagytölgyes”; Sajólad „Kemely-erdő”; Lakitelek „Tős-erdő”) (Hargitai 1938–1939, Ujvárosi 1940, 1941, Molnár 1996, Tuba 1994, 1995, Gál *et al.* 2006, 2007, Kevey 2006).

Finally, oak-ash-elm gallery forests also occur beyond the state borders on the Tisza plain. They occur at the boundary of Nyírség and the Szatmár-Bereg plain near Nagykároly and Erdőd (Balázs 1943), as well as along the Maros river (Margóczi ined.). At the lower reaches of the Tisza, Kovács F. (1915) reported a stand with *Allium ursinum* in it (Óbecse „Árpád-liget”), which was exterminated during the regulation of the river.

***Fagion sylvaticae* Luquet 1926**

The mezophilous deciduous forests of the hilly and mountaineous areas of Central-Europe are classified into the alliance of *Fagion sylvaticae*. Some associations of this alliance may be found on the low plains. They are the most diverse in regions with atlantic and subatlantic climate on the continent. Their distribution is limited southward by other alliances (*Aremonio-Fagion*, *Symphyto cordatae-Fagion*, *Geranio versicoloris-Fagion*) that are of relic character, species rich and are under submediterranean climatic influence.

***Carpinenion betuli* Issler 1931**

The suballiance of *Carpinenion betuli* includes only those mezophilous forests, in which hornbeam is associated with either *Quercus robur* or *Q. petraea*. The associations belonging to this suballiance occur generally on deep soils, and are zonal or extrazonal. In habitats with more extreme climatic conditions or high groundwater table, they replace beechwoods. On the Hungarian Plains there is only one association known to occur (*Circaeo-Carpinetum*).

X.3 *Circaeo-Carpinetum* Borhidi 2003

Syn.: *Carpinetum* Soó 1937; *Querceto-Carpinetum hungaricum* Soó 1943; Balázs 1943; Simon 1950; *Ulmeto-Querceto-Carpinetum* Hargitai 1943; *Quercu robori-Carpinetum* Soó et Pócs in Soó 1957 em. Soó 1980 p.p.

Habitat characteristics and zonation

The oak-hornbeam forests of the Bodrogeköz (Hargitai 1938–1939, Tuba 1994, 1995, Gál *et al.* 2006, 2007, Kevey 2006) and the Bereg-Szatmár plains (Hargitai 1943, Simon 1950, 1951, 1957, Kevey 2006) occur in the vicinity of rivers and on the highest areas of the floodplain where the chance of being flooded is almost zero. Nevertheless, it is evident that these habitats must have been created by exceptionally high floods (such as caused by pack ice). This association may develop farther away from the rivers where high groundwater levels provide the necessary moisture and humidity (for example, Beregdaróc „Dédai-erdő”). Along the rivers, the bedrock is composed of juvenile alluvial deposits which may be loose and sandy or hard and silty. The soils on these deposits are mostly humus rich, leached or brown forest soils. The stands of this association are found mostly outside of the dikes, although the oak-hornbeam forests of the Long-erdő in the Bodrogeköz are located on the highest reliefs of the floodplain.

Oak-hornbeam forests are also found in the Nyírség on sand (Boros 1932, Soó 1938a, 1943, Kevey 2006). Since their habitats are located higher above the levels of the rivers than those of the aforementioned forests on the floodplains, their stands are not influenced by floods. They are typically in direct contact with hardwood gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*) on lower reliefs (Tiborszállás „Vadaskerti-erdő”), whereas their stands at the foot of sand dunes gradually change into closed oakwoods (*Convallario-Quercetum roboris*) (for example, Debrecen „Nagy-erdő”). The majority of these stands are located at low lying areas between sand dunes where the mezophilic character of the soil is provided by the special moisture regime of sand (for example, Baktalórántháza „Baktai-erdő”): because of the weak capillary action, only the upper layers of the soil dry out during arid periods. Oak-hornbeam forests may occur along small streams that provide the

extra amount of soil moisture supporting their persistence (for example, Bátorliget „Veres-folyás”).

The zonal nature of the *Circaeo-Carpinetum* is difficult to assess. According to the climatic map of Borhidi (1961), its stands are located in the zone of closed deciduous forests (Bodrogekőz, Bereg-Szatmár plain, Nyírség) for the most part, with few stands occurring in the forest-steppe zone (area of the Körös rivers). As the herbaceous layer of these forests is moderately affected by the groundwater, they could be regarded as an edaphic vegetation type. Considering that the climatic zone of oak-hornbeam forests is restricted primarily to Western Europe, they could be treated as an extrazonal association. Their occurrence on the Tisza plain is the result of high groundwater and moist soils compensating for the unfavorable macroclimate, rather than local climatic conditions due to northerly exposition.

Physiognomy

The canopy of plain oak-hornbeam forests is well developed and closed with high (60–85 %) cover values. It is also high reaching even 32 m. It is composed mainly of *Quercus robur*, and less frequently of *Carpinus betulus*. On moist sites, *Fraxinus angustifolia* may become locally abundant. Other tree species are also present (*Betula pendula*, *Cerasus avium*, *Populus alba*, *Populus tremula*, *Tilia cordata*, *Ulmus laevis*, *Ulmus minor* etc.) The occurrence of the Balcanian *Tilia tomentosa* in these forests (Nyírség, Bereg-Szatmár plain) is rather unique, just as the presence of small patches of beechwoods in the Bodrogekőz (Sátoraljaújhely „Long-erdő”: Hargitai 1938–1939) and the Szatmár plain (Beregdaróc „Dédai-erdő”: Simon 1951). Today, only a few surviving trees or groups of tree represent these woods.

The characteristics of the lower canopy layer vary depending on forestry practices. Its cover ranges from 10 to 70 % with a height of 12–20 m. Most abundant tree here is *Carpinus betulus* although *Acer campestre*, *Acer tataricum* and *Tilia cordata* may also be frequently encountered. The sporadic occurrence of species, such as *Fraxinus angustifolia*, *Malus sylvestris*, *Ulmus laevis*, *Ulmus minor* and *Vitis sylvestris* lend a gallery forest-like character to these forests.

The height of the shrub layer is mainly determined by the density of the canopy layers. Thus, its cover may vary widely (5–60 %). Its height is also variable (1–5 m), depending on the constituent species. The most abundant species are *Corylus avellana* and *Crataegus monogyna* although *Carpinus betulus* and *Tilia cordata* may also become locally abundant. Among these species other shrubs characteristic of gallery forests (*Frangula alnus*, *Padus avium*, *Ribes rubrum*, *Viburnum opulus*, *Vitis sylvestris*) may also appear. In the layer of saplings, *Hedera helix* may be frequent.

The herb layer is characterized typically by high cover values (60–100 %), although lower values (5–30 %) may not be infrequent either. The following species

may be locally abundant: *Aegopodium podagraria*, *Allium ursinum*, *Anemone nemorosa*, *Anemone ranunculoides*, *Brachypodium sylvaticum*, *Circaea lutetiana*, *Convallaria majalis*, *Corydalis cava*, *Dentaria bulbifera*, *Ficaria verna*, *Gagea spathacea*, *Galeobdolon luteum*, *Galium odoratum*, *Isopyrum thalictroides*, *Mercurialis perennis*, *Polygonatum latifolium*, *Stellaria holostea*, *Vinca minor*. As it can be seen in this list the early spring aspect is pronounced with a number of additional species: *Corydalis solida*, *Gagea lutea*, *Galanthus nivalis*, *Leucojum vernum*, *Scilla kladnii*, *Scilla vindobonensis*.

Species composition

In the oak-hornbeam forests, the proportion of plants characteristic of marshes (*Phragmitetea* s.l.) and meadows on peaty soil (*Molinio-Juncetea* s.l.) is less than in hardwood gallery forests. Similar tendencies are observed in the groups of species characteristic of alder swamps (*Alnetea* s.l.), softwood gallery forests (*Salicetea purpureae* s.l.) and hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae*). These data indicate that the oak-hornbeam forests inhabit somewhat higher reliefs than the oak-ash-elm gallery forests. In contrast, the proportion of species characteristic of mezophilous deciduous forests (*Quercu-Fagetea*, *Fagetalia*) is the highest in the oak-hornbeam forests. Several of these species are considered as relics of the Subatlantic I. age (Zólyomi 1936, 1952). The proportion of species characteristic of dry oak forests (*Quercetea pubescentis-petraeae* s.l.), however, does not differ significantly from that of oak-ash-elm forests.

In the species composition of the oak-hornbeam forests of the studied regions substantial differences may be observed. For example, elements characteristic of hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae*) reach the highest proportion (11.1 %) in the Bereg-Szatmár plain. The *Fagetalia* species are the most frequent in the Bereg-Szatmár plain (29.9 %) and the Bodrogeköz (30.0 %), whereas the least frequent in the area of the Körös rivers. In contrast, the species of the dry oak forests (*Quercetea pubescentis-petraeae* s.l.) are the most abundant in the latter (18.3 %), and least frequent in the Bodrogeköz (10.5 %). These data suggest that the oak-hornbeam forests of the Northern Great Plain (Bereg-Szatmár plain, Bodrogeköz) – the phytogeographical region of Samicum – are the most typical representatives of this association.

Like the oak-ash-elm gallery forests, the oak-hornbeam forests also harbor species that differ by region, and are remnants of earlier geological ages. A considerable number of them has not been found in the oak-hornbeam forests along the Danube (indicated by an asterisk): *Crocus heuffelianus** (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Dryopteris expansa** (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Fagus sylvatica** (Bodrogeköz, Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Fritillaria meleagris* (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Gagea spathacea** (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Leucojum vernum** (Bodrogeköz, Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Luzula pilosa** (Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Melampyrum nemorosum* ssp.

*debreceniense** (Nyírség), *Melica picta** (Nyírség), *Oenanthe banatica** (Bereg-Szatmár plain, eastern edge of Nyírség), *Scilla kladnii** (Bodrogek, Bereg-Szatmár plain, eastern edge of Nyírség), *Tamus communis** (Nyírség), *Tilia tomentosa* (Nyírség, Bereg-Szatmár plain), *Vitis sylvestris* (Nyírség).

Distribution of oak-hornbeam forests on the Tisza plain

The greatest number and most species rich oak-hornbeam forests are found in the Bereg-Szatmár plain: Beregdaróc „Dédai-erdő”, „Közös-erdő”, „Tilalmas-Csere-erdő”; Kömörő „Páskom”; Magosliget „Cserköz-erdő”; Tarpa „Darab-erdő”; „Nagy-erdő”, „Téb-erdő”; Tiszakerecseny „Lónyai-erdő”; Vámosatya „Bockereki-erdő”; Turricse „Ricsei-erdő”; stb. (Hargitai 1943, Simon 1950, 1951, 1957, Simon and Molnár 1972, Papp and Lesku ined., Kevey 2006.).

Only few stands of oak-hornbeam forests have remained in the Bodrogek, although within the „Long-erdő” near Sátoraljaújhely, large tracts of this forest type are still present (Soó 1938b, Hargitai 1938–1939, Tuba 1995, Kevey 2006). Small-sized oak-hornbeam forests also occur in „Pap-erdő” near „Long-erdő”, and near the „Kastély-erdő” next to Pácin (Tuba ined.).

Oak-hornbeam forests are not frequent in the Nyírség either. The largest and most typical stands are found in the „Baktai-erdő” next to Baktalórántháza (Soó 1937, 1938a, 1943). The oak-hornbeam forests of the „Vadaskerti-erdő” at Mérk, „Ezüsttábla” west of Tiborszállás, and „Fényi-erdő” at Bátorliget are also very impressive. Additional stands of this association are also found at several other locations (Debrecen „Nagy-erdő”; Nyíracsa „Jónás rész”; Bátorliget „Veres-folyás”; Nyírvasvári „Csirák”; Terem „Nagyfenék”), but these stands are fragments only (Kevey and Papp in Kevey 2006).

This association appears in the area of the Körös rivers as fragments only: Békéscsaba „Pósteleki-erdő”; Bélmegyer „Szolga-erdő”; Doboz „Gerlamarói-erdő”, „Papholt-erdő”, Gyula „Mályvádi-erdő” (Kevey 2003). Unfortunately, these fragments still continue to diminish.

Like oak-ash-elm forests, oak-hornbeam forests are also found on the Tisza and Körös plains beyond the state borders along the Maros and Körös rivers, as well as on the Transylvanian and Transcarpathian areas of the Bereg-Szatmár plain (Balázs 1943, Simon 1950, 1951, Forgách ex verb.)

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XI. SUBCONTINENTAL SUBMEDITERRANEAN DRY DECIDUOUS FORESTS OF SOUTHEAST EUROPE – QUERCETALIA CERRIS

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The xerophilous deciduous forests of the eastern half of Southeast Europe are placed into the order of *Quercetalia cerris*. The recognition of this order is justified, since toward east these xerophilous oak forests form a gradually broadening zone with increasing diversity. This pattern results from climatic influences. To the east, the oceanic climate is diminishing, and the submediterranean climate is associated with more pronounced continentality causing high summer temperatures and long summer droughts. In the west, the xerophilous character of the vegetation is restricted in space due to the strong oceanic climate (Borhidi 2003).

Aceri tatarici-Quercion Zólyomi et Jakucs 1957

The xerothermic forests of the northeastern mountain range of Hungary and the plains under subcontinental climate are classified into the alliance of *Aceri tatarico-Quercion*. The dry forests on the Hungarian Plain once may have been very widespread, but deforestation decimated their stands that became fragmented and isolated from one another.

XI.1 *Convallario-Quercetum roboris* Soó (1937) 1958

Syn.: *Quercetum roboris convallarietosum (convallariosum)* 1937, 1943, Aszód 1935; *Convallarieto-Quercetum* Soó 1957; *Convallario-Quercetum tibiscense* Soó 1957; *Quercetum roboris tiliosum argenteae* 1937 p.p.; *Quercetum roboris tibiscense convallariosum vel umbrosum* Soó 1937; *Quercetum roboris convallarietosum* Soó 1943, Balázs 1943; *Querceto-Convallarietum tibiscense* Soó et Zólyomi 1951.

Habitat characteristics and zonality

In the Nyírség, the closed oak forests have developed in slight depressions on top of the sand dunes high above the floodplain. Their habitat is only little influenced by groundwater. The bedrock is slightly acidic fluvial sand that was deposited by the Tisza. However, Balázs (1943) also reported this association in the vicinity of Nagykároly and Erdőd on hard alluvial deposits. The stands of this forest occur on humus-rich, clayey brown forest soil, or reddish brown forest soil.

It could be considered a zonal association as the closed forest of Nyírség; however, Jakucs (1981) classified it into the forests primarily influenced by bedrock, and therefore it is regarded an intrazonal association.

Scientists have a different view of the development of the closed oak forests. Hargitai (1940) regarded these oak forests as the climax community of the successional series on sand starting from the moss-lichen stage. At that age, two subassociations of this association were distinguished: *festucetosum sulcatae* and *convallarietosum*. The two subassociations were later put on the rank of association with respective names of *Festuco rupicolae-Quercetum roboris* Soó (1937) 1958, and *Convallario-Quercetum roboris* Soó (1937) 1958. Further developing the idea of Hargitai (1940), Soó (1962) considered the closed oak forest (*Convallario-Quercetum roboris*) as the climax association of the successional series, which develops from the open oak forest (*Festuco rupicolae-Quercetum roboris*) as shown on his figure.

According to Fekete (1992), Soó (1962) with his model has moved away from reality, as the presence of closed forests on sand „may only be understood by the extra availability of edaphic water”. Recent studies and observations show that the closed oak forests have probably developed from oak-ash-elm gallery forests as a result of gradual drying of their habitats. Along the rivers, this process may be witnessed spatially in the form of successive occurrence of these associations with a transitional zone between them (Kevey 1993). Horánszky (1998, 2000), however, questions the validity of this model based on the distance from rivers. Oak-ash-elm gallery forests rich in Fagetalia species may have developed far from rivers if the local soil moisture conditions are conducive (see Zólyomi 1934, Járαι-Komlódi 1958, 1959). The loss of extra groundwater in these habitats may have led to the development of closed oak forests (*Convallario-Quercetum roboris*) by ecological succession. This model is supported by phytosociological relevés of closed forests on sand and oak-ash-elm gallery forests made by Soó (1937, 1943) in the Nyírség. Also, the two associations are in contact at several locations even today (for example, Debrecen „Halápi-erdő”, „Nagy-erdő”, „Monostori-erdő”, Újfehértó „Ángliusi-erdő”). The occasional occurrence of old specimens of *Ulmus laevis* and *Padus avium* in closed oak forests (*Convallario-Quercetum roboris*) also supports the model. The successional relations of these associations are also accepted by Borhidi (*ex verb.*) and Fekete (1999). Thus, the successional development of the closed forests of the Nyírség on sand may be interpreted with particular reference to their habitat being influenced in the past by rivers or the tributaries of the Tisza. This relationship validates the inclusion of this association into the present study.

Physiognomy

The closed oak forests of Nyírség have been studied by Soó (1937, 1938a, 1943) and Horánszky (1998). The canopy of this association is dense with 65–80 %

cover, and the height may reach 30 meters. The dominant tree is *Quercus robur*, but *Tilia tomentosa* may form a consociation. Other tree species most frequently mixed with them are *Betula pendula* and *Populus tremula*. The trees of the lower canopy layer mainly fill the treefall gaps. Their height varies between 8 and 20 meter, and their cover may approach 40 %. The shrub layer is moderately or well developed, its cover ranges from 40 to 70 %, and its height is 2-4 meters. Common shrub species are *Corylus avellana*, *Crataegus monogyna* and *Ligustrum vulgare*. Of the xerothermic species *Acer tataricum*, *Euonymus verrucosa*, *Prunus spinosa* and *Rhamnus cathartica* occur here. The herbaceous layer is often pronounced (60–95 %), although in some stands it may cover only 10-12 %. The most abundant species are *Convallaria majalis* and *Polygonatum latifolium*. Other species such as *Agropyron caninum*, *Lithospermum purpureo-coeruleum*, *Poa nemoralis*, *Salvia glutinosa* and *Stachys sylvatica* may locally become abundant. At some places *Corydalis cava* forms an early spring aspect.

Species composition

The closed oak forests on the Tisza plain, essentially those of Nyírség are best documented in the works of Soó (1937, 1943). The weighted proportions of the species characteristic of the hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae*: 4.3 %) and mezophilous deciduous forests (*Fagetalia*: 8.7 %) are lower than that of the oak-hornbeam forests (*Circaeio-Carpinetum*), but that of the dry oakwoods (*Quercetea pubescentis-petraeae* s.l.: 27.9 %) is greater. These data indicate that the closed oak forests are less influenced by groundwater than the oak-hornbeam forests.

There are, however, closed oak forests on sand in the Nyírség that are transitional to oak-hornbeam forests or oak-ash-elm gallery forests. These are mostly dominated by *Salvia glutinosa* and *Stachys sylvatica*, and harbor fewer species characteristic of dry oakwoods (*Quercetea pubescentis-petraeae*: 15.7–16.7 %). The weighted proportions of species of the mezophilous deciduous forests (*Fagetalia* 13.9–15.2 %) and hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae* 7.5–7.7 %) are, in turn, higher. Their successional relationship to oak-ash-elm gallery forests is indicated by the presence of some species characteristic of hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae*): *Carex brizoides*, *Cephalaria pilosa*, *Equisetum* × *moorei*, *Frangula alnus*, *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica*, *Padus avium*, *Ribes rubrum*, *Ulmus laevis*, *Viburnum opulus*, etc.

Comparison of closed oak forests on sand occurring in the different regions is difficult because typical stands have only been found in Nyírség. Their considerable species are: *Artemisia pontica*, *Bulbocodium vernum*, *Campanula rotundifolia*, *Centaurea triumfettii* ssp. *axillaris*, *Cephalanthera rubra*, *Crocus variegatus*, *Dictamnus albus*, *Digitalis grandiflora*, *Equisetum moorei*, *Gymnocarpium dryopteris*, *Iris aphylla* ssp. *hungarica*, *Iris arenaria*, *Listera ovata*, *Melampyrum bihariense*, *Melampyrum nemorosum* ssp. *debreceniense*, *Muscari botryoides*,

Ophioglossum vulgatum, *Platanthera bifolia*, *Platanthera chlorantha*, *Primula veris*, *Pulsatilla pratensis* ssp. *hungarica*, *Pyrola rotundifolia*, *Scilla kladnii*, *Scilla vindobonensis*, *Thalictrum aquilegiifolium*, *Tilia tomentosa*. The vegetation samples of Balázs (1943) were collected from the forests of the edge of the Szatmár plain whose soil is not sandy. Consequently, these forests are less typical, although several notable species have been reported here that also occur in the Nyírség: *Digitalis grandiflora*, *Genista ovata* ssp. *transsylvanica*, *Gladiolus imbricatus*, *Listera ovata*, *Melampyrum bihariense*, *Melampyrum nemorosum* ssp. *debreceniense*, *Muscari botryoides*, *Oenanthe banatica*, *Platanthera bifolia*, *Platanthera chlorantha*, *Primula veris*. The most important of them is *Genista ovata* ssp. *transsylvanica* with Dacic distribution. In the relevés of Margóczi and Makra (ined.) recorded on the Bereg plain, *Listera ovata*, whereas in the material of Tuba (ined.) collected in the Bodrogköz, *Rosa gallica* and *Epipactis helleborine* agg. occurred. In the dry oakwoods of the Sajó river area, the following species were recorded by Ujvárosi (1941): *Dianthus collinus* ssp. *glabriusculus* var. *debreceniensis*, *Epipactis helleborine* agg., *Neottia nidus-avis*, *Phlomis tuberosa*, *Platanthera chlorantha*, *Thalictrum aquilegiifolium*.

The forest stands of the floodplains occurring in gradually drying habitats exhibit an even closer relationship to oak-ash-elm gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*). Based on their xerophilous character, these stands are identified with closed oak forests on sand. The weighted proportion of characteristic species differs slightly among regions (Szatmár plain: Balázs 1943, Bereg plain: Margóczi and Makra ined., Bodrogköz: Tuba ined., area of the Sajó river: Ujvárosi 1941). The stands studied in the Bodrogköz (Tuba ined.) are particularly noteworthy, since their species composition is the most similar to that of the oak-ash-elm gallery forests. This is indicated by the relatively high proportions of species characteristic of marshes (*Cypero-Phragmitea* s.l.: 5.5 %), willow gallery forests (*Salicetea purpureae* s.l.: 11.6 %), and hardwood gallery forests (*Alnion incanae*: 9.7 %). These data provide further support to the supposed successional relations of oak-ash-elm gallery forests to dry oakwoods.

Convallario-Quercetum roboris of Nyírség is replaced by the vicariant *Polygonato latifoliae-Quercetum roboris* in the Danube-Tisza Interfluvium and South-Mezőföld (Borhidi in Borhidi and Kevey 1996), from which it is distinguished by the presence of the following species: *Digitalis grandiflora**, *Iris aphylla* ssp. *hungarica**, *Melampyrum bihariense**, *Melampyrum nemorosum* ssp. *debreceniense**, *Platanthera chlorantha**, *Pulsatilla pratensis* ssp. *hungarica**, *Scilla kladnii**.

Distribution of closed oak forests on sand on the Tisza plain

The closed oak forests on sand (*Convallario-Quercetum roboris*) once were the dominant forest association in the Nyírség. As a result of deforestation and the

spread of black locust plantations, only few typical, natural remnants of this forest type are known today. Soó (1943) observed it at the following locations: Bátorliget „Fényi-erdő”; Debrecen „Nagy-erdő”; Hajdúbagosa „Hosszúpályi felé levő erdő”; Mikepércs „Pac-erdő”; Nyírábrány–Szentannapuszta „Bagaméri-erdő”; Nyíregyháza „Városi-erdő”; Nyírttelek–Királytelek „Uradalmi-erdő”; Sáránd „a községtől ÉK-re levő erdő”; Tornyospálca „Pálca-erdő”. Horánszky (1998) reported it from the vicinity of Nyíracsa, whereas László Papp and I studied it at the following locations: Debrecen–Haláp „Álló-hegy”; Debrecen–Józsa „Monostori-erdő”; Újfehértó „Ángliusi-erdő”. Its stands at Bodroghöz (Tuba ined.) have developed on young alluvial deposits, and therefore more closely resemble the oak-ash-elm gallery forests. Beyond the state borders Balázs (1943) reported closed oak forests close to Nagykároly (Carei) and Erdőd (Ardea) in the Szatmár plain on alluvial, hard soil. Similar stands were observed in the vicinity of Békés, Békéscsaba, Doboz, Sarkad, Gyula and Bélmegyer in the area of the Körös rivers. The stands studied by Margóczi and Makra (ined.) at the Bereg plain (Vámosatya „Bockereki-erdő”), Tuba (ined.) at the Bodroghöz, and Ujvárosi (1941) in the area of the Sajó river (Sajólád „Kemely-erdő”) are best regarded as closed oak forest-like stands developed from oak-ash-elm gallery forests.

XI.2 *Galatello-Quercetum roboris* Zólyomi et Tallós 1967

Syn.: *Querceto-Festucetum sulcatae pseudovinetosum* Soó 1950; *Quercetum roboris tibiscense festucosum* Máthé 1933 p.p.; *Querceto-Ulmetum* Máthé 1936 p.min.p.; *Quercetum roboris festucetosum pseudovinae* Soó 1934; *Querceto-Festucetum sulcatae pseudovinetosum* Soó 1950; *Pseudovinetum-Quercetum roboris* (Máthé 1933) Soó 1958; *Acereto tatarici-Quercetum petraeae-roboris pseudovinetosum (tibiscense)* Zólyomi 1957; *Galatello-Quercetum roboris festucetosum sulcatae* Zólyomi et Tallós 1967; *Galatello-Quercetum roboris peucedanetosum officinalis* Tallós et Tóth B. 1968.

Habitat characteristics and zonality

The relic stands of the alkali steppe oakwoods are typically found at the transitional zone between the abandoned floodplain of rivers and the slightly higher reliefs covered with loess. These habitats still have been influenced by groundwater. In terms of their water regime, they are characterized by the extremes. On the one hand, the clearings are often under water in the spring. On the other hand, the water disappears by summer, the soil dries out, and – through the capillary action – the process of salinization begins during the arid period. As a consequence, the soil is poor in nutrients, has been salinized, but the salts accumulate in the deeper layers only. These processes may take place only in areas of continental climate, which characterizes only the forest-steppe zone of the Hungarian Plain.

Thus, the alkali steppe oakwoods are classified into the edaphic, intrazonal forest associations.

In terms of the origin of the alkali oakwoods, Molnár (1989) hypothesizes that these woods have developed from hardwood gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*). According to his model, the habitat of the hardwood gallery forests along the rivers became gradually drier as the river changed its course and moved away from the forests. Floods reached the forests more and more infrequently while salinization of the soil began. As a consequence, the canopy of these forests opened up, small clearings developed, and the species composition changed, and eventually these forests have developed into alkali oakwoods (*Galatello-Quercetum roboris*). Indirect evidence to this model is that the two forest associations are in direct contact at several locations even today.

Physiognomy

The alkali oakwood (*Galatello-Quercetum roboris*) is a mosaic of clearings with salinized soils and patches of woods – a characteristic of forest steppe vegetation (Molnár *et al.* 2000a). Forestry practices, however, may have altered this original physiognomy by creating even-aged plantations. Today the alkali oakwoods are mostly restricted to the edges of the closed forests and the tiny patches of woods on the clearings (for example, Bélmegyer „Szolga-erdő”). Due to the unfavorable soil conditions, the canopy is very loose (10–40 %), and the trees – mostly *Quercus robur*, but also *Acer campestre*, *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica*, *Pyrus pyraster* and *Quercus cerris* whose nativity is questioned in this habitat – are low (12–15 m). A lower and also very loose canopy layer may also be observed that consists of low-growth trees. Here *Acer campestre*, *Acer tataricum*, *Pyrus pyraster* and *Ulmus minor* are frequent, whereas *Malus sylvestris* and *Quercus pubescens* are found occasionally. The shrub layer is very dense with 70–90 % cover and 2–4 m height. It primarily consists of *Crataegus monogyna* and *Prunus spinosa*. Other species, such as *Acer tataricum*, *Ligustrum vulgare* and *Rhamnus catharticus* are also frequent, while species characteristic of the forest-steppes (*Prunus tenella*, *Prunus fruticosa* and *Rosa gallica*) are rare. The shrubs separate the woods from the clearings (*Peucedano-Asteretum sedifolii*) forming a continuous mantle. The spread of the shrubs may also be observed at most locations; that is, the woody vegetation is gradually creeping on the clearings. Among the species, *Quercus robur* is often found indicating the very first step in the successional development of the alkali oakwood (*Galatello-Quercetum roboris*).

The cover of the herb layer varies greatly depending on light availability. Frequent and abundant species, some of them becoming locally dominant, are as follows: *Agropyron caninum*, *Agropyron repens*, *Alliaria petiolata*, *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Corydalis cava*, *Dactylis glomerata*, *Festuca pratensis*, *Festuca*

rupicola, *Festuca valesiaca*, *Ficaria verna*, *Lithospermum purpureo-coeruleum*, *Peucedanum officinale*, *Poa nemoralis*, *Poa pratensis*, *Polygonatum latifolium*, *Scilla vindobonensis*, *Viola cyanea*. With the presence of *Corydalis cava*, *Ficaria verna*, *Gagea lutea* and *Scilla vindobonensis*, an early spring aspect is also present.

Species composition

In the first half of the 20th century, Máthé (1933, 1936, 1938) and Soó (1938b) studied the phytosociological and habitat characteristics of the alkali oakwoods. However, their publications do not include phytosociological relevés. Later Zólyomi and Tallós (1967) published a synthetic table, then Tallós and Tóth (1968) gave a detailed table of this association. They distinguished two subassociations: the canopy layer of the *festucetosum sulcatae* (= *peucedanetosum officinalis*) is low and open, whereas that of the *polygonatetosum latifoliae* is taller and more closed. The species composition of the former is characteristic of the forest steppes, but that of the latter is more similar to the species composition of the hardwood gallery forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*). These two subassociations may also be identified in the tables published by Molnár (1989).

The weighted proportions of species characteristic of marshes (*Cypero-Phragmitea* s.l.) and meadows on peaty soil (*Molinio-Juncetea* s.l.) in the alkali steppe oakwoods (*Galatello-Quercetum roboris*) are similar to those in the oak-ash-elm forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*). On the other hand, the proportion of species characteristic of xerophilous grasslands (*Festuco-Bromea* s.l.: 7.6–10.9 %) is much higher in the alkali steppe oakwoods.

The co-occurrence of higrophilous and xerophilous species may seem contradictory at first. However, the higrophilous species apparently may establish themselves in this habitat because of the frequent water cover in the spring. How can then the xerophilous species successfully survive despite the spring water cover? A partial explanation may be that „the large negative water potential of the alkali soils cause physiological drought” (Kevey 1995). For further support of this idea, physiological and ecological studies are certainly needed. Nevertheless, the occurrence of species characteristic of steppes makes the alkali steppe oakwoods somewhat similar to forest steppe oakwoods on loess (*Aceri tatarico-Quercetum roboris*) (see Molnár 1989). Relative to the oak-ash-elm forests (*Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*), the dry character of their habitat is indicated by the significantly smaller proportion of species characteristic of softwood (*Salicetea purpureae* s.l.: 0.4–2.9 %) and hardwood (*Alnion incanae*: 2.4–3.1 %) gallery forests, and mezophilous forests (*Quercio-Fagetea*: 8.2–16.1 %, *Fagetalia*: 0.8–2.6 %). Species characteristic of xerophilous oak forests (*Quercetea pubescentis-petraeae* s.l.: 21.7–37.6 %) are much more frequent, however. The most notable feature of this association is the presence of salt tolerant species (*Puccinellio-Salicornea* s.l.: 4.2–5.4 %): *Artemisia pontica*, *Artemisia santonicum*, *Aster*

sedifolius, *Festuca pseudovina*, *Juncus gerardii*, *Limonium gmelini* ssp. *hungaricum*, *Melandrium viscosum*, *Peucedanum officinale*, *Ranunculus pedatus*, *Rumex pseudonatronatus*.

The comparison of the species composition of the alkali steppe oakwoods occurring in various regions was not possible due to the availability of only synthetic tables in some instances. The location of the remaining 40 relevés is known, but their grouping is unnecessary, since this association is found only in a few localities on the Tisza plain. Its considerable species are: *Aster linosyris*, *Aster sedifolius*, *Artemisia pontica*, *Artemisia santonicum*, *Campanula rapunculus*, *Carduus crispus*, *Carex melanostachya*, *Centaurea triumfettii*, *Cerasus fruticosa*, *Doronicum hungaricum*, *Hesperis sylvestris*, *Iris spuria*, *Juncus gerardii*, *Limonium gmelini*, *Lycopus exaltatus*, *Melica altissima*, *Melica transsylvanica*, *Peucedanum officinale*, *Phlomis tuberosa*, *Podospermum canum*, *Pulmonaria mollis*, *Rosa gallica*, *Rumex pseudonatronatus*, *Saxifraga bulbifera*, *Scilla vindobonensis*, *Vicia pisiformis*, *Viola montana*.

Distribution of alkali steppe oakwoods on the Tisza plain

Alkali steppe oakwoods almost exclusively occur on the Tisza plain, the phytogeographical region of Crisicum. The only exception is the fragment discovered recently near the village of Iván, on the southern part of the Lesser Plain. All other stands occur at the following locations: Alattyán „Berki-erdő”; Békéscsaba „Fácános-erdő”, „Hajlás-erdő”, „Pósteleki-erdő”; Bélmegyer „Fás-erdő”; Berettyóújfalu „Malom-füzes”; Doboz „Madárfoki-erdő”, „Papholt-erdő”; Egyek „Ohati-erdő”; Görbeháza „Bagotai-erdő”, „Fenyves-erdő”; Gyula „Gelvács”, „Kutyahelyi-erdő”, Hencida „Csere-erdő”, „Miklós-erdő”; Hortobágy „Malomházi-erdő”; Jászdózsa „Pap-erdő”; Kerecsend „Kerecsendi-erdő”; Kisújszállás „Nagy-erdő”; Konyár „Határ-erdő”; Körösladány „Ladányi-erdő”; Mezőcsát; Tiszacsege „Berzsenyes morotva”; Tiszadob „Sóskuti-legelő”; Tiszaigar–Tiszaörs „Körtvélyesi-legelő”; Tiszaszentimre „Körtvélyesi-legelő”; Tiszaug „Bokros-pusztá”; Újszentmargita „Tilos-erdő” (see Máthé 1933, 1936, 1938, Soó 1938b, Zólyomi and Tallós 1967, Molnár 1989, Horváth *et al.* 1999, Molnár *et al.* 2000b). Many of the above stands are only fragments.

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XII. ALDER SWAMP WOODS - ALNETALIA GLUTINOSAE

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Alder swamp woods are edaphic communities. Their soil is covered by oxygen-poor slack water in a great part of the vegetation period, mainly in spring and at the beginning of summer. As a consequence of the water table fluctuation, gleying and iron fall-out is frequent in the soil. In the middle of the summer the logged water shrinks, and as a consequence of the ventilation of the upper soil layer ammonia is oxidized to nitrate which favours to the appearance of weed communities.

The canopy layer consists of high trees, *Alnus glutinosa* in swamp areas having extensive buttress roots – so called “foots” – from which more trunks can grow clonally. The shrub layer is poor but the dense herb layer can grow on two substrates: on the widened foot of the trunks rising from water and on the soil among them. On the former, more stable island-like places mainly epiphyte, cortical species live while in the latter habitat several aspects (aquatic palnts, sedge vegetation, ephemeral floodplain weeds) can alternate depending on the water cover (Borhidi 2003).

XII.1 *Fraxino pannonicae*–*Alnetum* (Soó & Járαι-Komlódi 1958)

Syn: *Thelypteridi-Alnetum* 1940, *Fraxineto oxycarpae-Alnetum hungaricum* Soó & Komlódi in Soó 1957 (Borhidi 2003).

The community was described by Klika first in 1940 which was modified by Soó and Komlódi in 1957, then by Soó and Járαι-Komlódi in 1958 (Borhidi 2003).

In Hungary, among others Kevey has investigated the coenological characteristics of riverine woodlands (Kevey 1993, 1999 a, 1999 c), riverine ash-alder woodlands and alder swamp (Kevey 1997, 1999 b) forests.

Habitat conditions

This community has a special position, occurring on the southern distribution border of alder swamp woods in the subcontinental-submediterranean middle part of the Great Hungarian Plain. Its soil can dry out frequently therefore it does not contain much turf. In summer, the springs originated from the ground water of sand dunes give the continuous water supply. The stands of alder-ash woods formed

mainly on the alluvium of river beds. On the basis of the water supply, proportion of character species and level of disturbance, different alder-ash wood types can be distinguished: 1. watered, 2. sedgy, 3. transient types towards willow galleries or ash-alder woodlands (slow drying out, no weed stands, willow gallery elements appear), 4. dried type (tall herb species are frequent) (Borhidi 2003).

Hungarian coenologists reported *Alnus glutinosa* dominated relevés of this community which cannot be classified either into gallery forests or to *Carici elongatae-Alnetum*. These stands are flooded only periodically and the length of the period is very variable (1-8 months). This period is longer than that in gallery woods (1-4 months) and shorter than the 8-12 months period in *Carici elongatae-Alnetum* stands. Range of the habitat conditions of this association is quite wide and its types can be very different in physiognomy, species composition and ecological requirements (Nagy J. ex verb.) Therefore further examinations are needed to characterize this community.

Characterization of stands along River Tisza and its tributaries

Alltogether 71 historic and recent relevés were found from the region of rivers Tisza and Kraszna made in the period between 1958 and 2001. Evaluation of the data resulted that the species composition of the community in the Tisza basin is similar to that of the literature description of the alliance but stands without trees of widened foot are frequent. In the canopy layer *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* are dominant; the latter species may form consociation. In the shrub layer *Alnus glutinosa*, *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica*, *F. pennsylvanica*, *Frangula alnus*, *Viburnum opulus*, *Salix cinerea* are frequent species. Characteristic species of the herb layer are *Carex riparia*, *C. acutiformis*, *Thelypteris palustris*, *Peucedanum palustre*, *Galium palustre*, *Stachys palustris*, *Glyceria maxima*, *Oenanthe aquatica*.

In the water among the trunks there are free-floating or rooted hydrophytes like *Lemna minor*, *Hottonia palustris* or swamp species like *Urtica kioviensis*. Unlike the literature data (Borhidi 2003) *Carex elata* is not present in either relevés but *Carex riparia* is dominant in certain relevés (at Márokpapi, Tiborszállás and Dámóc). In the majority of the relevés other swamp species can also be found (with low cover and high frequency) like *Symphytum officinale*, *Iris pseudacorus*, *Euphorbia palustre*. From among the protected species, *Dryopteris carthusiana* occurred in the relevé taken at Bockerek forest (Gelénes), *Hottonia palustris* and *Urtica kioviensis* occurred in the Töserdő (Tiszaalpár) stand.

In the canopy layer of the *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* dominated relevés at Dámóc, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* is subdominant reaching 7-10 % cover values. In the shrub layer *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* is dominant and *Prunus spinosa*, *Cornus sanguinea* and *Calystegia sepium* also occur. The herb layer is dominated by *Carex riparia*, *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica*, *Glechoma hederacea* and

Fraxinus pennsylvanica and in some stands the patches of certain species like *Symphytum officinale*, *Stachys palustris*, *Rubus caesius* make it more diverse.

In the relevé made at Márokpapi, *Alnus glutinosa* was found neither in the canopy layer nor in the shrub layer. In both layers *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* was dominant which can form separate consociations (Borhidi 2003). In addition, *Salix alba* and *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* were present, too. The shrub layer consisted also of *Frangula alnus*, *Quercus robur*, *Salix cinerea* and *Rubus caesius*. In the herb layer *Carex acutiformis*, *Carex riparia*, *Galium palustre* and *Glyceria maxima* were dominant and swamp species like *Oenanthe aquatica*, *Stachys palustris*, *Euphorbia palustris*, *Iris pseudacorus*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Lycopus europaeus* joined them.

In the relevés of Bockerek forest, *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* are found in the canopy layer. In the relatively species poor herb layer *Impatiens noli-tangere* and *Moehringia trinervia* are dominant. *Dryopteris carthusiana* is a frequent characteristic species. *Convallaria majalis* and *Rubus caesius* occur in some relevés. In the relevés of Abádszalók, *Alnus glutinosa* is dominant and composes the canopy layer together with *Populus alba* and *Salix alba*. From among shrub species *Amorpha fruticosa* and *Salix cinerea* are present. The poor herb layer is dominated by *Equisetum arvense*, *Ranunculus repens* and *Solidago gigantea* with accompanying species like *Calystegia sepium*, *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Mentha arvensis* or *Leersia orizoides*.

The estimated cover values for the canopy layer are missing in the quadrates recorded on percent scale near Töserdő but it can be seen in the description of stands that in the canopy layer only *Alnus glutinosa* is present and occasionally one of the *Fraxinus* species occurs (Bancsó 1987). The shrub layer is almost missing, sometimes young individuals of *Sambucus nigra* and *Fraxinus* species occur. The canopy layers of the three stands are similar. The young *Alnus* individuals are missing because the 4 m high individuals have dried out. The herb layer can be characterized with great variety, high total cover value and diversity. Considering each of the three stands, the dominant species are the following: *Alisma plantago-aquatica*, *Mentha aquatica*, *Urtica dioica*, *Ranunculus repens*, *Lycopus europeus*, *Carex pseudocyperus*, *Solanum dulcamara*, *Galium palustre*, *Leersia orisoides*, *Sium erectum*, *Sium latifolium*, *Symphytum officinale*. At the highest relief of the Töserdő 1 stand a shallow basin has formed which contains water even at the beginning of June thus several species occur frequently that are characteristic for the Töserdő stands like *Carex pseudocyperus*, *Mentha aquatica*, *Solanum dulcamara*, *Equisetum palustre*, *Stellaria media*, *Urtica dioica*.

Characteristic taxa of the lower reliefs are *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Galium aparine*, *Geranium robertianum* etc. Between the stands 1 and 2 a transitional zone can be found. It gets a permanent water supply from a spring. The largest patch of *Thelypteris palustris* (with 80% cover values) can be found in this area (Bancsó 1987). This area is adjacent to a typical swamp wood where terrestrial vegetation

develops only on the trunks of the alder trees thus the coverage of the soil surface is very low. Stand 2 can be divided into two parts: one part has a species-rich herb layer; the other one is a strongly degraded area, full of weed species. Apart from the dominant species the first part can be characterized by *Bidens tripartita* and *Hottonia palustris*, latter species is characteristic of the areas flooded for a long time. The separation of the second part is the consequence of its discontinuous surface water cover therefore the growth of the vegetation can start in early spring. The gradual desiccation of the soil results in a certain degradation, and as a consequence *Galium aparine*, *Rubus caesius*, *Geum urbanum*, *Stellaria media*, *Alliaria petiolata* become dominant.

The stand 3 is covered by water for a rather long term of the vegetation period therefore the vegetation structure differs from that of the other stands. The representative species of the stand is *Urtica kioviensis*. Considering the number of species and the species composition, the stand has moderately degraded. *Mentha aquatica*, *Lycopus europeus* and *Symphytum officinale* are still dominant, but the relatively high ratio of *Rubus caesius*, *Glechoma hederacea* and *Rumex sanguineus* indicate degradation due to drying. Both the succession and the seasonal changes of the vegetation of higher relief are determined primarily by the water regime (Bancsó 1987).

Two historical relevés are presented from the 1960-ies recorded by Bodrogekőzy. In one of the relevés the canopy layer is dominated by *Alnus glutinosa*, while *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* occur in the other sample with low AD values (+). The shrub layer is missing in both places. The herb layer is dominated by *Thelypteris palustris*; *Solanum dulcamara* is subdominant in one of the relevés. Subordinate species are swamp elements like *Carex gracilis*, *Lycopus europaeus*, *Lythrum salicaria* and *Symphytum officinale*. In the herb layer of the other relevé *Urtica kioviensis* is dominant, *Galium aparine* and *Polygonum hydropiper* are subdominant. Subordinate species of this relevé differ from those of the other one: *Angelica sylvestris*, *Iris pseudacorus* and *Thalictrum flavum* occurred. The presence of *Urtica dioica* and *Galium aparine* refers to nitrogen accumulation.

The upper canopy layer of the Tiborszállás stand is composed of *Alnus glutinosa*, *Salix alba*, *Salix fragilis* and *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* and the last species is dominant, but the lower canopy is dominated by *Alnus glutinosa*. In the shrub layer *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus angustifolia* ssp. *pannonica* are accompanied by *Frangula alnus*, *Viburnum opulus* and *Rubus caesius*. All the upper layers have low total cover. In the herb layer *Carex* species (*C. acutiformis*, *C. riparia*, *C. vesicaria*) and *Glyceria maxima* are dominant and other common swamp species occur as well with low cover.

In the work of Bancsó (1987) the cover values are indicated as fractions (weighted with the number of individuals), these values were rounded off.

Analysis of the relevés of the alder-ash woods suggests that in the North border –Tokaj region of the Tisza Valley – unlike in the other sections – *Fraxinus excelsior* is present as subordinate species both in the shrub layer and in the herb layer. The species richness of the region between Szolnok and the southern border can be explained with the high number of the samples and with the different stands. The stand at Abádszalók (Lake Tisza region) is the most species-poor in respect of protected and characteristic species, this stand may be a planted forest. Summarising the results, it can be seen that the proportion of the subordinate species is very variable among the certain regions. Their presence is influenced by numerous biotic and abiotic factors such as the age and naturalness of the stand, the species composition and propagule supply of the neighbouring communities, and the stage of degradation.

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I.1 *Salvinio-Spirodeletum*

total number of the stands: 11	Bodrog-oxbow	north-eastern border-Tokaj	Lake Tisza	Tokaj-Szolnok	Berettyó	Körös-oxbow	Szolnok - southern border	
number of the relevés: 2 (AD) + 26 (%) = 28	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	(%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	K
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>		0.14						I
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>							+	I
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>		0.29					+	I
<i>Carex gracilis</i>							+	I
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	14.00	36.74	24.00		12.53	28.33		III
<i>Equisetum hiemale</i>		0.37						I
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	3.20				11.00			II
<i>Gratiola officinalis</i>		0.07						I
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>		2.65	0.02		0.25		1-3	III
<i>Lemna minor</i>	9.40	2.25	5.00	1	0.28	1.67		IV
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	48.00		3.00					II
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>							+	I
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>		0.01					+	I
<i>Phragmites australis</i>							+	I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i> var. <i>aquaticum</i>							+/-1	I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>				3				I
<i>Potamogeton perfoliatus</i>					0.03			I
<i>Salix cinerea</i>					0.25			I
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	73.40	89.39	89.20	85.00	44.80	18.33	2-3	V
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>					0.03		1	II
<i>Sium latifolium</i>							+	I
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>					0.30			I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	26.20							I
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	10.00	8.45	0.02	1.00	24.53	2.33	2	IV
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>		1.61			0.50			II
<i>Trapa natans</i>			3.80	10.00	12.50	16.67	+	III
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>					0.30			I
<i>Typha latifolia</i>					0.25		+	II
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	13.20							I

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Bodrog-oxbow			
Kengyel-oxbow, Bodroghalász	4 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Viss-oxbow, Viss	1 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Lake Bence	1 (%)	June 1990	János Nagy (in Nagy, 2002)
Zsaró-rivulet, Tokaj	1 (%)	July 2003	Zoltán Tuba (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Zsaró-rivulet, Tokaj	6 (%)	August 2006	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Lake Tisza			
Tisza-oxbox of Hordód, Poroszló	2 (%)	June 2003	Balázs András Lukács
Kisköre	3 (%)	August 2003	János Nagy (unpublished)
Tisza from Tokaj to Szolnok			
Tisza-oxbow of Szörő, Besenyszög	1 (%)	September 2001	Elenér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Berettyó river			
Berettyó (between Karcag and Püspökladány)	4 (%)	September 2004	János Nagy (unpublished)
Körös river			
Körös-oxbow of Dan-zug, Gyomaendrőd	3 (%)	August 1998	Károly Penksza et al. (in Penksza et al. 1999)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Körtvélyes-oxbow, Mártély	2 (AD)	1982	György Bodrogekőzy (Bodrogekőzy, 1982)

I.2 *Wolffietum arrhizae*

total number of the stands: 5	Túr-oxbow range of the AD values	north-eastern border-Tokaj average cover (%)	Szolnok-southern border range of the AD values	K
number of the relevés: 7 (AD) + 9 (%) = 16				
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>			+	I
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>		20.00	2	II
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>		0.56	+	II
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>		6.33		I
<i>Lemna minor</i>	0-2	6.33	2	IV
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>		62.33		I
<i>Myosotis palustris</i>		0.001		I
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>			+2	I
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>		5.46		I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i> var. <i>aquaticum</i>			+3	I
<i>Potamogeton lucens</i>			+3	I
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	0-3	0.56		III
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	1-3	3.23	2	V
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>		6.90		I
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>		1.11		I
<i>Wolffia arrhiza</i>	2-5	87.67	2-3	V

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Túr-oxbow			
Malom-lake, Csaholc	2 (AD)	September 1977	István Fintha (Fintha, 1979)
Túr-oxbow 1 near by Borsza-bridge, toward Riese	1 (AD)	September 1977	István Fintha (Fintha, 1979)
Túr-oxbow 2 near by Borsza-bridge, toward Riese	1 (AD)	September 197	István Fintha (Fintha, 1979)
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Török-rivület, Viss	9 (%)	October 2005	István Fintha (Fintha, 1979)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Körtvélyes-oxbow, Mártély	3 (AD)	1982	György Bodrogközy (Bodrogközy, 1982)

II.1.1. *Lemno-Utricularietum*

total number of the stands: 6	Lakes of Bereg average cover (%)	north-eastern border-Tokaj average cover (%)	Bodrog-oxbow average cover (%)	Szolnok- southern border range of the AD values	K
number of the relevés: 1 (AD) + 34 (%) = 35					
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>		0.25			I
<i>Bidens cernua</i>		0.25			I
<i>Carex gracilis</i>		1.75			I
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>		6.25	1.40		II
<i>Cicuta virosa</i>	1.00				I
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	1.50		4.56	+	IV
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	11.10	61.25	6.08		IV
<i>Lemna minor</i>	15.70	2.53	5.79	I	V
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>		4.00	63.35		III
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>		0.75			I
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>		0.50			I
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	0.05				I
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	4.10	1.25	43.80	+	IV
<i>Sium latifolium</i>				I	I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>			4.92	I	II
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>		1.25	0.40		II
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	14.60				I
<i>Typha latifolia</i>			13.60		I
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	79.00	78.75	92.10	5	V

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Lakes of Bereg			
Bence-lake, Csaroda	6 (%)	July 2000	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Zsid-lake, Csaroda	4 (%)	July 2000	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Tisza from north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Tisza-oxbow of Boroszlókert, Gulács	3 (%)	July 2003	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Török-rivület, Viss-szivattyútelep	1 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)

Bodrog				
Kengyel-oxbow, Bodroghalász		20 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border				
Tisza-oxbow of Kistisza-sziget, Csongrád		1 (AD)	August 1953	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)

III.1 *Potametum lucentis*

total number of the stands: 8	North-eastern border-Tokaj	Lake Tisza	Lake Tisza	Körös	Szolnok-southern border	
number of the relevés: 10 (AD) + 15 (%) = 25	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	K
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>					+	I
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>			1-2		1	II
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	23.5	10.67	1-2		1	IV
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>					+	I
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>					+	II
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	20		1-2	7.50	+1	III
<i>Lemna minor</i>	2.2	0.10	+2	1.50		III
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>		0.10				I
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>					+	I
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>		3.33	+2		2	II
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>			+1			I
<i>Phragmites australis</i>			+2			I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>				5.00	+1	II
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i> var. <i>aquaticum</i>					+	I
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>					3	I
<i>Potamogeton lucens</i>	71.5	83.33	4-5	45.00	3-4	V
<i>Potamogeton perfoliatus</i>		1.67			1	II
<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>					+	I
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>			+		1	II
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	45	5.00		7.50		II
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>				2.50		I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>				5.00		I
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	0.32	0.07		2.50	+	III
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	1					I
<i>Trapa natans</i>			1-2	15.00	1-2	III

locality of the stands/group	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Tisza-oxbow of Rózsás-dűlő, Mezőladány	5 (%)	July 2003	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Zsaró-rivulet	5 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al (in Szirmai, 2006)
Lake Tisza			
Tisza- oxbow of Hordód, Poroszló	3 (%)	July 2003	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Tiszafüred	6 (AD)	1965	György Bodrogekőzy (Bodrogekőzy, 1965)
Körös			
Körös-oxbow of Dan-zug,	2 (%)	August 1998	Károly Penksza et al. (Penksza et al. 1999)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Körtvélyes-oxbow, Mártély	2 (AD)	1982	György Bodrogekőzy (Bodrogekőzy, 1982)
Algyő, Nagyfa	1 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Algyő, under the Sport Airport	1 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)

III.2 *Myriophyllo-Potametum*

total number of the stands: 2	Lake Tisza	Szolnok-southern border
number of the relevés: 1 (AD) + 2 (%) = 3	average cover (%)	AD values
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	10.00	
<i>Lemna minor</i>	1.05	
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	0.55	
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>		5
<i>Myriophyllum verticillatum</i>	50.00	
<i>Potamogeton natans</i>	3.50	
<i>Potamogeton perfoliatus</i>	30.00	
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	17.50	
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	12.50	
<i>Trapa natans</i>	2.50	+

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Lake Tisza			
Tisza-oxbow of Hordód, Poroszló	2 (%)	July 2003	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Tisza-oxbow of Atka, Sövényháza	1 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)

III.3 *Nymphaeetum albo-luteae*

total number of the stands: 19	north-eastern border - Tokaj	Bodrog-oxbow	Lake Tisza	Lake Tisza	Lake Tisza	Szolnok-Tokaj	Szolnok-Tokaj	Szolnok-southern border	Szolnok-southern border	navy-hole (Szolnok-southern border)	K
number of the relevés: 11(AD) + 50(%) = 61	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	AD	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	range of the AD values	K
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	0.00										I
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	0.09										I
<i>Bidens tripartitus</i>					1-+						I
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	0.00				2						I
<i>Carex gracilis</i>									+		I
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	17.96	4.08	45.00	3		22.50	2	11.43			III
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>					+						I
<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>					+						I
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>		0.01									I
<i>Euphorbia palustris</i>											I
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	0.00	0.08						4.29			II
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>					+						I
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>					1		1		1		I
<i>Hottonia palustris</i>	0.17							1.57			I
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	4.68					1.50		4.57			II
<i>Lemna minor</i>	0.26		0.05	2				0.43			III
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	3.22	0.54	0.08			2.50		8.57			III
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>					1						I
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>			6.67					1.43			I
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	11.36	46.54						1.86	1-4		II
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>	58.86	17.92	92.50	3	5-1	67.50	1-5	41.43	1-3		V
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>					1-+						I
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>	0.22						1	2.14			I
<i>Plantago major</i> cf. <i>intermedia</i>					+						I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>					+1	2.50	+2	0.43		1	III
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>	0.05										I
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>						0.50	+				I
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>					+					+	I

<i>Potamogeton lucens</i>	3.18				3							I
<i>Potamogeton filiformis</i>								1.43				I
<i>Ricciocarpus natans</i>								0.14				I
<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>	1.37					1		1.71		+1		II
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>						3			+	+3		II
<i>Salix alba</i>						1				+1		I
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	1.22	1.47		2				1.86	+4			III
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>		0.08						0.14		+		I
<i>Sium latifolium</i>										+		I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	0.05					+		0.71		2		II
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	0.11		0.03	1			1.50	1.00	2			III
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	2.05	15.35						12.14				II
<i>Tropha natans</i>	2.95		3.33				1.50	0.43	1			II
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	2.50								1			I
<i>Typha latifolia</i>									1			I
<i>Urtica kioviensis</i>								0.43				I
<i>Utricularia australis</i>								0.14				I
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	1.36							1.43				II
<i>Wolffia arrhiza</i>								0.29				I

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Tisza-oxbow of Boroszló-kert, Gulács	7 (%)	June 2004	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Tisza-oxbow of Rózsásdűlő	6 (%)	July 2003	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Török-rivület pumping-station, Viss	7 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai, 2006)
Zsaró-rivület, Tokaj	2 (%)	July 2003	Zoltán Tuba (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Bodrog			
Viss-oxbow, Viss	5 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai, 2006)
Lake Nagy, Bodrogzug	8 (%)	June 2004	Zoltán Tuba (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Lake Tisza			
Tisza-oxbow of Hordód, Poroszló	6 (%)	July 2003	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Lake Tisza, Abádszalók	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba, 1989)
Tisza from Szolnok to Tokaj			
temporary Lake Alesi, Szolnok	1 (AD)	August 1947	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Alesi, Szolnok	1 (AD)	July 1952	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow of Csatlő, Kőrelek	2 (%)	September 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)

Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Lake Sulymos, Töserdő	1 (%)	May 1983	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Lake Sulymos, Töserdő	1 (%)	June 1987	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Lake Sulymos, Töserdő	1 (%)	June 1998	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza-oxbow of Alpár, Tiszaalpár	4 (%)	August 1998	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Lake Sulymos, Kecskemét	1 (AD)	September 1952	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow of Nagysziget, Tiszaug	3 (AD)	August 1952	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow at Station, Tiszaug	1 (AD)	August 1953	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Navy-hole, Tápé	3 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)

III.4 *Trapa natantis*

total number of the stands: 35	north-eastern border-Tokaj	Bodrog	Lake Tisza	Lake Tisza	range of the AD values	Tokaj - Szolnok	Szolnok - southern border	Szolnok - southern border	K
number of the relevés: 41 (AD) + 55 (%) = 96	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>								+	I
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	0.01	0.01						+1	I
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	49.09	17.78	47.06		+1	2.25	7.29	1-3	IV
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>								+	I
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>		1.17						+	I
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	1.36	0.01	1.36		2		2.50		II
<i>Lemna minor</i>	0.01	0.00	3.62		+2	3.00	1.21	1-2	III
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	0.01		7.84		+1		0.07	+	II
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>								+1	I
<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i>		0.56							I
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>					+		0.07	1-2	I
<i>Myriophyllum verticillatum</i>									I
<i>Najas marina</i>			1.76		+1		0.14		II
<i>Najas minor</i>					1				I
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	0.09	0.33			1				I
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>			0.24		1				I
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>					+3				I
<i>Phragmites australis</i>			0.18						I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>					2			+3	I
<i>Potamogeton lucens</i>							0.36	3	I
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>							0.07	1	I
<i>Potamogeton graminea</i>					+				I
<i>Potamogeton nodosus</i>					+2				I
<i>Potamogeton pectinatus</i>					+				I
<i>Potamogeton perfoliatus</i>					+3				I
<i>Potamogeton natans</i>			0.12						I
<i>Riccia fluitans</i>					+				I
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>		0.01						+1	I

<i>Salix alba</i>									
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	0.91		5.42	+3	5.00	7.86	+	I	III
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>		0.01						I	I
<i>Spartanium erectum</i>		0.56						I	III
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	0.02	0.01	0.09	+3		0.71		I	V
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	0.91	8.33						I	I
<i>Trapa natans</i>	90.91	73.67	89.24	+5	90.00	78.50	3-5	I	II
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>			0.24					I	I
<i>Utricularia australis</i>				+1		0.36		II	I
<i>Zygnemales sp.</i>				I				I	I

locality of the stands/group	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Tisza-oxbow of Boroszló-kert, Gútlács	5 (%)	June 2004	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Tisza-oxbow of Rózsásdűlő	5 (%)	July 2003	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Zsaró-rivület, Tokaj	1 (%)	July 2003	Zoltán Tuba et al. (Szirmai, 2006)
Bodrog			
Kengyel-oxbow	3 (%)	July 2003	Zoltán Tuba (in Szirmai, 2006)
Viss-oxbow	6 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai, 2006)
Lake Tisza			
Tisza-oxbow of Hordód, Poroszló	5 (%)	June 2004	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Basin of Poroszló	2 (%)	August 2004	András Schmotzer, József Sulyok
Brook of Eger (Basin of Poroszló)	2 (%)	August 2004	András Schmotzer, József Sulyok
Tisza-oxbow of Csapó (Basin of Poroszló)	1 (%)	August 2004	András Schmotzer, József Sulyok
Lake Tisza, Kisköre	7 (%)	August 2003	János Nagy (unpublished)
Tiszavalk	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba 1989)
Basin of Valk	3 (AD)	July 1996	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Poroszló	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba 1989)
Kozmafok, Basin of Sarud	4 (AD)	July 1996	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Basin of Sarud	11 (AD)	July 1996	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Sarud	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba 1989)
Abádszalók	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba 1989)
Kisköre	7 (AD)	July 1996	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza from Tokaj to Szolnok			
Lake Gó, Tiszaróff	2 (%)	September 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)

Tisza-oxbow of Szörő, Besenyszög			September 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border				
Tisza-oxbow of Feketeváros, Szolnok		2 (%)	August 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza-oxbow of Labodár, Csanytelek		2 (%)	July 1996	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza-oxbow of Labodár, Csanytelek		2 (%)	August 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Osztorai-oxbow, Szegvár		2 (%)	July 1996	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Osztorai-oxbow, Szegvár		2 (%)	August 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza-oxbow of Mártély		2 (%)	August 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza-oxbow of Körtvélyes		2 (%)	August 2001	Elemér Szalma (Szalma, 2003)
Tisza-oxbow, at railway, Szolnok		1 (AD)	July 1947	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow of Körtvélyes, Hódmezővásárhely		3 (AD)	September 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow of Körtvélyes		2 (AD)	1981	György Bodroγκőzy (Bodroγκőzy, 1981)
Tisza-oxbow of Hódmezővásárhely		1 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow of Atka, Sövényháza		1 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow of Sasér, Sövényháza		2 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Tisza-oxbow of Nagyfa, Algyő		1 (AD)	August 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)
Kistisza-channel, Algyő		1 (AD)	July 1951	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1954)

IV Nanocyperetalia

total number of the stands: 26 number of the relevés: 2(AD) + 86 (%) = 88	Tisza recent		Tisza archive			
	Average cover (%)	K	Average cover (%)	K	Range of AD scale	K
<i>Elymus repens</i>	1.63	I	1.0	II	-	-
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	7.41	III	1.5	IV	+	III
<i>Alisma gramineum</i>	5.40	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Alisma lanceolata</i>	1.20	I	0.1	I	-	-
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	2.90	II	-	-	2	III
<i>Alopecurus aequalis</i>	4.34	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Amaranthus lividus</i>	2.03	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i>	0.86	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Atriplex hastata</i>	0.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Atriplex oblongifolia</i>	1.10	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Barrachium aquatile</i>	1.07	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Bidens cernua</i>	11.38	II	-	-	+	III
<i>Bidens tripartitus</i>	1.26	II	0.4	V	I	III
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	1.12	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	0.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex bohemica</i>	10.53	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex serotina</i>	10.97	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	2.16	II	0.1	IV	-	-
<i>Chenopodium ficifolium</i>	1.00	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Chenopodium glaucum</i>	0.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Chenopodium polyspermum</i>	0.55	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Chenopodium rubrum</i>	2.94	II	-	-	I	III
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	1.46	I	-	-	I	III
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	-	-	-	-	I	III
<i>Cyperus difformis</i>	3.72	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Cyperus fuscus</i>	6.91	III	-	-	I	III
<i>Cyperus glomeratus</i>	0.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Cyperus michelianus</i>	13.39	II	-	-	+1	V
<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	3.56	III	0.55	IV	+	V
<i>Elatine alsinastrum</i>	1.51	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Elatine hungarica</i>	7.51	I	-	-	-	-

<i>Elatine triandra</i>	5.83	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	32.33	I	90.0	III	-	-
<i>Eleocharis ovata</i>	9.17	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	0.83	I	3.0	III	-	-
<i>Glyceria fluitans</i>	3.92	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	1.82	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Glycerhiza echinata</i>	-	-	-	-	+	III
<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i>	5.60	II	-	-	+4	V
<i>Heleochoa alopecuroides</i>	20.32	I	50.0	IV	2-3	V
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	10.33	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Juncus buffonius</i>	3.97	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Juncus compressus</i>	0.30	I	0.1	III	-	-
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	0.55	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	4.98	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Lemna minor</i>	3.06	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Limosella aquatica</i>	2.18	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Lindernia procumbens</i>	5.79	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Lycopus europeus</i>	1.95	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i>	5.31	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	4.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	1.06	II	0.1	IV	-	-
<i>Malva neglecta</i>	0.81	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	0.23	I	0.1	III	-	-
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	0.58	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Myrtophyllum spicatum</i>	-	-	-	-	1	III
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	-	-	-	-	+	III
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>	5.30	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Peplis portula</i>	2.81	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Plantago major</i>	3.57	II	3.0	III	2	III
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	11.61	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Pericaria amphibium</i>	7.00	I	-	-	1	III
<i>Pericaria aviculare</i>	1.14	I	10.0	III	2	-
<i>Pericaria hydropiper</i>	1.30	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Pericaria lapathifolium</i>	2.61	III	-	-	+	III
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	1.53	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Potentilla supina</i>	1.54	I	-	-	1	III
<i>Ranunculus sardous</i>	5.25	I	-	-	+	III

<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	15.47	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>	0.10	I	0.1	III	+	III
<i>Rorippa sylvestris</i>	7.08	II	5.0	III	-	III
<i>Rubus caesius</i>	-	-	-	-	+	III
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	1.44	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Rumex hydrolapathum</i>	0.28	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Rumex stenophyllus</i>	4.93	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Salix triandra</i>	1.66	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Schoenoplectus supinus</i>	6.14	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	1.06	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	0.25	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	0.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	0.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	9.02	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Stachys palustris</i>	0.10	I	0.1	III	-	-
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	8.00	I	-	-	+	III
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	2.13	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	2.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	2.74	II	-	-	-	-
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	5.24	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	1.60	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	1.10	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Veronica sp.</i>	2.90	I	-	-	-	-
<i>Xanthium italicum</i>	1.85	II	3.0	IV	-	-
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	-	-	-	-	+	III

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Upper-Tisza			
Between Csaroda and Gelénes	1 (%)	27 September 1998	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Beregsurány: to Beregdaróc	1 (%)	22 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Beregsurány: to Tarpa.	1 (%)	22 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
East from Tarpa, cc. 500 m	2 (%)	22 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszatelek: to Újdombrád	1 (%)	6 July 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Dombrád: to Újdombrád	2 (%)	6 July 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Dombrád: to Tiszakanyár	1 (%)	15 August 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Kisár-Panyola: Kerice-háti-morotva	3 (%)	19 June 2004	András Lukács Balázs, Péter Török

Tarpa: Dueskósi-morotva	1 (%)	22 July 2004	András Lukács Balázs, Péter Török
Middle-Tisza			
Tiszanána: Galambos	4 (%)	17 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszanána: West to Dinnye-hát	3 (%)	17 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszagyenda	1 (%)	17 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszagyenda	1 (%)	17 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszafüred: Hagymás-lapos	2 (%)	17 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszagyenda.	3 (%)	17 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszaderzs.	2 (%)	17 June 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Szajol: Alamánd	2 (%)	14 August 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Kisköre: Rák-hát	1 (%)	17 September 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Tiszpüspöki: Felső-földek	3 (%)	17 September 1999	Attila Molnár V., Norbert Pfeiffer
Abádszalók, nearby a backwater (<i>Polygono- Eleocharitetum ovatae</i>)	1 (%)	June 1964	György Bodrogközi (Bodrogközi, 1965)
Kisköre (<i>Dichostylo-Heleochoetum alopecuroidis</i>)	1 (%)	July 1981	György Bodrogközi
Lower-Tisza			
Körtvélyes (<i>Dichostylo-Heleochoetum alopecuroidis</i>)	1 (%)	September 1974	György Bodrogközi (Bodrogközi, 1982)
Tiszaalpár	1 (AD)	October 1962	György Bodrogközi
Tiszaug, Along Tisza-River	1 (AD)	June 1958	György Bodrogközi
Tiszaalpár (<i>Eleocharito-Caricetum bohemicae</i> Klika em. Pietsch).	34 (%)	1985	István Bagi (Bagi, 1988)
River Körös			
Békésszentandrási floodplain of Körös-River.	12 (%)	1982	István Bagi (Bagi, 1985)

V.1 *Glycerietum maximae*

total number of the stands: 11	north-eastern border-Tokaj	north-eastern border-Tokaj	Lake of Bereg	Bodrog	Szolnok - southern border	
number of the relevés: 1 (AD) +33 (%)= 34	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	K
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	1			7.43		I
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>	1				0.22	I
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>		3.79		0.43		II
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>		0.04		0.59		I
<i>Althaea officinalis</i>				0.01		I
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>		0.0015				I
<i>Ballota nigra</i>			0.17			I
<i>Bidens cernua</i>		2.5				I
<i>Bidens triparita</i>				0.01		I
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>				0.29	0.22	II
<i>Calamagrostis epigeios</i>		0.15	0.15			I
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>		0.25		0.16		I
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>		3.125			5.00	I
<i>Carex elata</i>	+	2.375	1.63		11.00	II
<i>Carex elongata</i>			2.38			I
<i>Carex gracilis</i>		0.0015				I
<i>Carex hirta</i>		1.625				I
<i>Carex riparia</i>				1.44		I
<i>Carex vulpina</i>	+					
<i>Ceratophyllum submersum</i>			2.31			I
<i>Chenopodium album</i>			0.05			I
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>		0.44		0.16		I
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>			0.08			I
<i>Drepanocladus aduncus</i>	+					
<i>Elatine alsinastrum</i>	+					
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>					3.40	I
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	+					
<i>Eleocharis carniolica</i>	+					

<i>Equisetum palustre</i>			0.25					I
<i>Euphorbia lucida</i>							0.22	I
<i>Galium palustre</i>	+		0.265		0.19			I
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	3		75		83.46	81.00	60.60	V
<i>Gratiola officinalis</i>	+							
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>								II
<i>Indula britannica</i>	1				1.23	0.57		
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	+		1		0.42	0.43	1.50	II
<i>Juncus atratus</i>	2							
<i>Juncus effusus</i>			0.125					I
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>			0.015					I
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>					0.08			I
<i>Lemna minor</i>					8.55	6.86		III
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>					27.31	38.57		II
<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	+		0.875		0.01	0.43		II
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	+					0.01		I
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>			0.575		0.82	0.43	0.10	II
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	+		0.515			0.57		I
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>							0.42	I
<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i>						0.07		I
<i>Mariscaria maritima</i>			0.0015					I
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>			0.015					I
<i>Peplis portula</i>	+							
<i>Phalaris arudinacea</i>							1.80	I
<i>Plantago major</i>			0.125				0.20	I
<i>Poa palustris</i>			0.015					I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>			0.265				0.02	I
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>			0.165			0.71		I
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>						0.14		I
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	2							
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	+		0.915		0.02			I
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>			0.05					I
<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>			1.5					I
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	+		0.025				0.12	II
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>			0.25					I
<i>Salix fragilis</i>					0.77			I
<i>Salix cinerea</i>					1.85			I

<i>Salvinia natans</i>			0.23	12.01		II
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>			0.00		3.20	II
<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>	+		0.54			I
<i>Sium latifolium</i>	1					
<i>Sonchus palustris</i>		0.0015				I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>		4.5		0.14		II
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>			3.09			I
<i>Stachys palustris</i>	+	0.1		0.29		II
<i>Stellaria palustris</i>	+					
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>			0.08			I
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>		1.275	0.24		0.90	II
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>			0.46			I
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>			0.00			I
<i>Trifolium repens</i>		0.015				I
<i>Typha latifolia</i>				0.43		I
<i>Urtica dioica</i>		0.025				I
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	+			54.30		I
<i>Veronica scutellata</i>	+					
<i>Vicia angustifolia</i>				0.01		I

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Tisza-oxbow, Boroszló-kert, Gulács	4 (%)	July 2004	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Gelénés	1 (AD)	1951	Tibor Simon (Simon, 1951)
Pallagcsa-meadow	4 (%)	June 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al, 2006)
Lake of Bereg			
Navat-streamlet	7 (%)	July 2003	János Nagy, Dániel Cserhalmi (unpublished)
Lake Bence, Csaroda	4 (%)	August 1994	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Lake Bence, Csaroda	1 (%)	July 2000	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Lake Bence, Csaroda	1 (%)	August 2004	János Nagy (unpublished)
Bodrog			
Kengyel-oxbow	5 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al, 2006)
Óbodrog-oxbow	2 (%)	June 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al, 2006)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Nagy-meadow, Tiszajenő	3 (%)	2004	Mária Szitár (Szitár, 2005)
Nagy-meadow, Tiszajenő	2 (%)	2005	Mária Szitár (Szitár, 2005)

V.2 *Phragmitetum communis*

total number of the stands: 31	Lake of Bereg	Bodrog	Lake Tisza	Szolnok - southern border	Szolnok - southern border	Maros	
number of the relevés: 28(AD) + 22 (%) = 50	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	range of the AD values	K
<i>Acer negundo</i>					+		I
<i>Achillea collina</i>				6.67			I
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>						+1	I
<i>Agropyron repens</i>					+4	+	II
<i>Agrostis alba</i>					1-3	1-2	I
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>						+2	I
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>			I			+1	I
<i>Althaea officinalis</i>					+	+1	II
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>			1-2		+1		II
<i>Aristolochia clematidis</i>					+	+1	II
<i>Artemisia pontica</i>				0.33			I
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>					+	+2	I
<i>Atriplex nitens</i>						+	I
<i>Atriplex prostrata</i>					+		I
<i>Baldingera arundenacea</i>					+2	+1	II
<i>Bidens cernua</i>	0.29						I
<i>Bidens tripartita</i>			+1		+		I
<i>Bolboschoemus maritimus</i>			+1			+2	II
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>			I			+1	I
<i>Calamagrostis epigeios</i>					+4	+2	II
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>		0.25	+1		+2	+2	IV
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>					+		I
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>			1-2				I
<i>Carex elata</i>						2	I
<i>Carex melanostachya</i>						+2	I
<i>Carex riparia</i>	0.87						I
<i>Centaurea pamonica</i>				10.00			I
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>						+	I

<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	2.86				I			+	+/-1	II
<i>Solidago gigantea</i>								+		I
<i>Sonchus asper</i>									+	I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>					+				+/-1	I
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>		0.64	4.03		+/-3				1-2	III
<i>Stachys palustris</i>			0.05					+	+/-1	II
<i>Stellaria aquatica</i>									+/-2	I
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>				1.00						I
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>		0.14								I
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	1.14				+			+/-1		II
<i>Symphytum officinale ssp. uliginosum</i>									+/-1	II
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>								+	+/-1	I
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>								+		I
<i>Teucrium scordium</i>									+/-2	I
<i>Thalictrum flavum</i>					I			+		I
<i>Thalictrum lucidum</i>									+	I
<i>Torilis arvensis</i>									+	I
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>								+		I
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>					+/-1				1-3	II
<i>Typha latifolia</i>					+/-1				+	I
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>									+/-1	I
<i>Ulmus scabra</i>								+		I
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	1.80		0.03		I					I
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>		0.04								I
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>									+	I
<i>Verbena supina</i>									+	I
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>									+/-1	I
<i>Veronica spicata</i>				0.67					+	I
<i>Vicia angustifolia</i>									+	I
<i>Vicia cracca</i>								+		I
<i>Vicia sepium</i>									+	I
<i>Viola elatior</i>									+	I
<i>Vitis sylvestris</i>									+	I
<i>Xanthium italicum</i>								+	+/-2	I
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>								+		I

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Lake of Bereg			
Bence-lake, Csaroda	2 (%)	June 1998	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Bence-lake, Csaroda	5 (%)	July 2000	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Bodrog			
Kengyel oxbow	8 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Lake Tisza			
Tisza-oxbow of Hordód, Poroszló	4 (%)	June 2004	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Tiszavalk	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba, 1989)
Sarud	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba, 1989)
Abádszalók	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba, 1989)
Tisza-oxbow of Bere	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba, 1989)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Fokközi-forest, Vésztő	3 (%)	June 1998	Károly Penksza, Gabriella Gubcsó (Penksza, Gubcsó 1998)
sugarfactory right-side, Szolnok	2 (AD)	June 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1950)
sugarfactory left-side, Szolnok	2 (AD)	June 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1950)
curve of Tószeg right-side Szolnok	1 (AD)	June 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1950)
rim of high-side right-side, Tiszavárkony	1 (AD)	August 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1950)
opposite with the distillery right-side, Tiszavárkony	1 (AD)	August 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1950)
steep, clámy, right-side Tápé	1 (AD)	June 1946	Lajos Timár (Timár, 1950)
Maros			
Apátfalva	1 (AD)	June 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Apátfalva	1 (AD)	June 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Apátfalva	1 (AD)	June 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
navvy hole, Makó	1 (AD)	September 1966	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Csipkés-navvy hole, Makó	1 (AD)	May 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Csipkés (navvy hole), Makó	1 (AD)	June 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
strand forest, Makó	1 (AD)	July 1966	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
riverside, Kiszombor	1 (AD)	September 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
well outlet, Ferencszállás	1 (AD)	June 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
riverside, Klárafalva	1 (AD)	September 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Kláralfalva	1 (AD)	October 1947	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
navvy hole, Maroslele	1 (AD)	August 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
oxbow side, Deszk	1 (AD)	June 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Deszk oxbow	1 (AD)	August 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)

Deszk oxbow		1 (AD)	July 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
riverside, Szőreg		1 (AD)	September 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)

V.3 *Sparganietum erecti*

total number of the stands: 11	Lake Berég	north-eastern border - Tokaj	Bodrog	Szolnok - southern border	Szolnok - southern border	K
number of the relevés: 1 (AD) + 27 (%) = 28	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	0.11	0.29				I
<i>Alga</i> sp.		10.00				I
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	0.56	1.16		1.00		II
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	0.78		0.01			I
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	0.01					I
<i>Bidens tripartitus</i>	0.01	1.71				I
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	1.44		0.03	1.00		II
<i>Carex pseudocyperus</i>	0.11					I
<i>Carex riparia</i>	1.33					I
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>			41.50			I
<i>Ceratophyllum submersum</i>	0.56					I
<i>Chara</i> sp.			0.30			I
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>		0.14	0.01			I
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	0.44					I
<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>		0.14	0.01			I
<i>Elatine hungarica</i>		0.71				I
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	0.22					I
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>		1.86				I
<i>Galium palustre</i>		0.01				I
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	4.78	1.86	0.75	3.00		III
<i>Gratiola officinalis</i>	3.22					I
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	1.44	0.01	7.71	0.10		IV
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	3.89					I
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>		0.01				I
<i>Lemna minor</i>	9.23	1.05	0.04			III
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	24.44					I
<i>Lycopus exaltatus</i>				0.10		I
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	0.33					I
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	1.00		0.01			I
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	0.06		0.01			I

<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i>		9.29	12.50			II
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>		0.43		1.00		I
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>	0.17					I
<i>Myosotis palustris</i>		1.43		1.00		I
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>			0.12			I
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>		1.43	2.21			II
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>				0.10	2	I
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>				10.00		I
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>	0.56					I
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	4.67					I
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	0.11				+	I
<i>Poa pratensis</i>		0.14				I
<i>Polygonatum lapathifolium</i>		0.01	0.50			I
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	1.22	0.14				I
<i>Riccia fluitans</i>	21.11					I
<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>			0.02			I
<i>Rorippa islandica</i>	1.34					I
<i>Rorippa sylvestris</i>		0.07				I
<i>Rumex hydrolapathum</i>			0.01			I
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>		0.71	0.70	0.10		II
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	3.89					I
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	16.89	0.14	0.26	5.00		III
<i>Sium latifolium</i>				5.00		I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	56.67	75.86	58.30	70.00	4	V
<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i>	21.00	0.02	0.45			II
<i>Stachys palustris</i>	0.11	0.03				I
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	0.78					I
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>		0.43				I
<i>Teucrium scoridum</i>				3.00		I
<i>Trapa natans</i>		2.86	5.61			II
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>		0.01				I
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>			0.01		1	I
<i>Typha latifolia</i>				3.00		I
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>			0.51			I

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Lake Bereg			
Navat-streamlet, Csaroda	4 (%)	July 2003	János Nagy, Dániel Cserhalmi (unpublished)
Lake Bence, Csaroda	5 (%)	June 1999	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Tisza-oxbow of Rózsás-dűlő, Mezőladány	4 (%)	June 2004	András Balázs Lukács (unpublished)
Pallagosa-meadow, Pácin	2 (%)	June 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Channel, Szenna-tanya	1 (%)	June 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Bodrog			
Óbodrog-oxbow, Sárospatak	2 (%)	June 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Óbodrog-oxbow, Sárospatak	1 (%)	June 2004	Zoltán Tuba (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Viss-oxbow, Viss	5 (%)	October 2005	Zoltán Tuba et al. (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Kengyel-oxbow, Bodroghalász	2 (%)	July 2003	Zoltán Tuba (in Szirmai et al., 2006)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Tiszaalpár-oxbow, Tiszaalpár	1 (%)	August 1982	György Bodroγκózy (Bodroγκózy, 1982)
Tiszaalpár-oxbow, Tiszaalpár	1 (AD)	October 1962	György Bodroγκózy (Bodroγκózy, 1965)

VI.2 *Alismato-Eleocharicetum*

number of relevés	1	coverage (%)
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>		5
<i>Bidens tripartitus</i>		0.1
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>		5
<i>Carex gracilis</i>		5
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>		75
<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>		2
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>		1
<i>Salvinia natans</i>		5

locality of the stand	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Anyási Holt-Tisza, Hódmezővásárhely, Mártély Landscape Protection Area	1 (%)	October 2006	József Áron Deák

VI.3 *Oenanthe aquatica*-*Rorippa amphibia*

number of relevés:	1	coverage (%)
LK1		
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>		2
<i>Bidens tripartitus</i>		2
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>		5
<i>Carex gracilis</i>		10
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>		40
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>		5
<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>		10
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>		1

locality of the stand	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Külső-Nagy-Gombás, Csongrád	1 (%)	August 2003	József Áron Deák

VI.4 *Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati*

number of stands: 3	Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati		Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati alismatetosum		Butomo-Alismatetum lanceolati bolboschoenetosum	
number of relevés: 9 (%)	K	average cover (%)	K	average cover (%)	K	average cover (%)
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>	I	1	III	47	II	30
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	I	10	I	7.4	III	60
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	V	80	I	1.6		
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>			I	0.5	I	0.1
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>			I	0.1		
<i>Daucus carota</i>					I	0.1
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	I	1				
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>					I	0.1
<i>Inula britannica</i>			I	0.05		
<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>			I	0.02		
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	I	0.1				
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	I	0.1				
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>			I	2.5		
<i>Phalaroides arundinacea</i>			I	0.1		
<i>Plantago media</i>			I	0.2		
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>			I	1.4	I	0.1
<i>Rumex crispus</i>			I	0.02		
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>	I	2				
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	I	1	I	2.5		
<i>Stachys palustris</i>			I	0.05		
<i>Xanthium italicum</i>			I	7.5		
<i>Setaria pumila</i>			I	0.02		

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Belső-Nagy-Gombás, Csongrád	3 (%)	June 2000	József Áron Deák (unpublished)
Szandaszőlős	3 (%)	June 2004	József Áron Deák (unpublished)
Hódmezővásárhely, Vajhát	3 (%)	June 2001	József Áron Deák (unpublished)

VII.1 Carici vulpinae – Alopecuretum pratensis

total number of the stands: 73	north- eastern border - Tokaj	north- eastern border - Tokaj	Tokaj- Szolnok	Tokaj- Szolnok	Szolnok - southern border	Szolnok - southern border	Hármas- Körös	Maros	Maros	
number of the relevés: 99 (AD) + 90 (%) = 189	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	K
<i>Achillea collina</i>	0.34		0.13	+2			0.002			I
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	0.001	+		+1		+			+1	I
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> ssp. <i>collina</i>				+						I
<i>Achillea pannonica</i>								0.01		I
<i>Achillea setacea</i>	1.18									I
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>		+								I
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	0.11			+						I
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	0.11	+3		+3		+3		5.19	2-3	II
<i>Agrostis canina</i>	0.36									I
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>		+2								I
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>				+2		+2		0.00		I
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>		+								I
<i>Allium angulosum</i>				+2						I
<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i>								0.01		I
<i>Allium vineale</i>										I
<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i>				+1		4				I
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	76.14	1-4	41.88	1-4	35.83	2-4	45.83	18.84	1-4	V
<i>Althaea officinalis</i>		+		+	0.18	+	0.34	0.03	+	II
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>				+		+	0.002	0.01		I
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>								0.01	+1	I
<i>Anagallis femina</i>									+1	I
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>		2								I
<i>Aracinospermum canum</i>									+	I
<i>Arctium lappa</i>		+		+				0.01		I
<i>Aristolochia clematitis</i>		+		+1		+	0.34		+2	I
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>				1				3.84		I
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>				1						I

<i>Centaurea pannonica</i>	0.11	1	0.06	+1	0.01	+-1	0.17			I
<i>Centaurea</i> sp.					0.06					I
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	0.11					+			+	I
<i>Centaureum pulchellum</i>				+1						I
<i>Cerastium holosteoides</i>		+					2			I
<i>Cerastium vulgatum</i>				+					+3	I
<i>Chaerophyllum bulbosum</i>		1								I
<i>Chaerophyllum</i> sp.		1								I
<i>Chenopodium polyspermum</i>		1								I
<i>Chenopodium urticum</i>				+						I
<i>Cichorium inybus</i>	0.04	+1		+2	0.57	+-2	0.002	0.01	+-1	I
<i>Cicuta virosa</i>	0.07									II
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	1.39		0.13	+1	0.28	+-2	0.50	4.30	+-2	I
<i>Cirsium brachycephalum</i>					0.01					I
<i>Cirsium canum</i>	0.82			+	0.28					I
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>				+	0.06					I
<i>Cirsium</i> sp.					0.01					I
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	0.04									I
<i>Clematis integrifolia</i>				+2			1.67		+-2	I
<i>Cnidium dubium</i>				+						III
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	0.20	+1		+2		+-1	0.34	0.06	+-2	I
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	0.04			1				0.003	+-1	I
<i>Coronilla varia</i>									+	I
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>						+				I
<i>Crepis rheoedifolia</i>						+-2				I
<i>Crepis setosa</i>				1					+	I
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>				1-2	0.17					I
<i>Cuscuta</i> sp.		2		+1	0.06	+-1				I
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>			3.13			+-4		0.67		I
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	0.11								+-1	II
<i>Daucus carota</i>	0.68	+		+2	0.17	+-2		0.24	+-1	I
<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i>								0.14		I
<i>Drepanocladus aduncus</i>			12.50	1	1.11					I
<i>Echinocloa crus-galli</i>		1	0.06		0.03				1-2	I
<i>Echinops sphaerocephalus</i>									1	I
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>			1.88	1-3	0.45	+-2	0.002			I
<i>Elymus repens</i>	0.001	1	0.25	+2	0.72	+-4	0.67	11.44		II

<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	0.25							0.01	+1	I
<i>Peucedanum palustre</i>	0.001									I
<i>Peucedanum officinale</i>		0.25								I
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	3.64		+3		1.00		+1	0.002		II
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	0.11						+		+1	I
<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	0.04						3		+	I
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	0.04	+1								I
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	0.001			0.06		+1		0.07	+2	II
<i>Plantago major</i>		1		0.01		+2		0.11	+2	II
<i>Plantago media</i>		+								I
<i>Poa angustifolia</i>	0.64	1-2	+3	0.25				0.17	+3	II
<i>Poa bulbosa</i>							1			I
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	2.21	1-2		9.63						I
<i>Poa pratensis s.srr.</i>									+2	I
<i>Poa sp.</i>			2							I
<i>Poa trivialis</i>		+1								I
<i>Polygonum mite</i>			1					0.56	+1	I
<i>Polygonum mite</i>	0.001								0.002	I
<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>		1								I
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	0.01	1				+1		0.12	1	I
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>								0.11		I
<i>Polygonum minus</i>		+								I
<i>Polygonum minus</i>									0.003	I
<i>Polygonum sp.</i>										I
<i>Polygonum sp.</i>									0.01	I
<i>Populus alba</i>										I
<i>Populus nigra</i>							+			I
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>							+			I
<i>Potentilla argentea</i>							+1			I
<i>Potentilla inpolita</i>	0.38					+				I
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	1.75	+2		1.25		+3		9.00	+3	IV
<i>Potentilla supina</i>							1			I
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	0.001	+1				+2		0.12	+	II
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	0.87									I
<i>Pseudolysimachion longifolium</i>		+				+				I
<i>Pulicaria vulgaris</i>							+			I
<i>Pulmonaria mollis</i>		+								I
<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>		+								I
<i>Quercus robur</i>		+				+				I

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Bábitava, Csaroda	1 (%)	1999	János Nagy, Márta Selényi (Nagy, 2002)
Lake Nyíres, Csaroda	4 (%)	1999	János Nagy, Márta Selényi (Nagy, 2002)
Bereg, Csaroda	5 (%)	June 1998	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
Bereg, Csaroda	8 (%)	July 2000	János Nagy (Nagy, 2002)
near by Cigánd	6 (%)	July 2006	Zoltán Tuba et al. (Gál et al., 2006)
Cigánd-Pácin	4 (%)	October 2006	Zoltán Tuba et al. (Gál et al., 2006)
Kisár	1 (AD)	May 1958	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Vásárosnamény	1 (AD)	July 1966	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Vásárosnamény	1 (AD)	May 1958	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Tiszaadony-Tiszakeresztend	1 (AD)	July 1966	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Timár	2 (AD)	June 1959	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Rakamaz	1 (AD)	June 1981	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Tisza from Tokaj to Szolnok			
Csikólegelő, Sarud	1 (%)	August 1971	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Cserőköz	1 (%)	August 1970	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Jászapáti	4 (%)	June 2003	János Nagy (unpublished)
Jásztelek	2 (%)	May 1999	János Nagy (unpublished)
surrounding of Tokaj	27 (AD)	1962	György Bodrogközi, (Bodrogközi, 1962)
Tiszalók	2 (AD)	June 1959	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Taktabái	2 (AD)	June 1959	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Taktakenéz	1 (AD)	June 1959	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
opposite with Tiszakeszi on the left-side of Tisza	2 (AD)	1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba 1989)
Tiszababolna	1 (AD)	1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba 1989)
Tiszafüred	10 (AD)	June 1964	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Sarud	1 (AD)	Autumn 1969	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Sarud	1 (AD)	July 1970	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Cserőköz	1 (AD)	August 1971	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Abádszalók	1 (AD)	July 1971	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Tőserdő	1 (%)	May 1983	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Tőserdő	2 (%)	August 1982	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Tiszaalpár	1 (%)	May 1980	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Tiszaalpár	1 (%)	June 1983	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Bokros	1 (%)	May 1980	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)

Bokros felső		1 (%)	May 1981	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Nagy-legelő, Bokros		1 (%)	August 1982	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Bokros		1 (%)	August 1982	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Körtvélyes		3 (%)	September 1978	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Körtvélyes		1 (%)	June 1979	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Körtvélyes		2 (%)	July 1979	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Körtvélyes		2 (%)	September 1979	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Körtvélyes		1 (%)	June 1980	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Közép-Tisza meadows		3 (AD)	May 1959	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Vezseny		1 (AD)	July 1958	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Nagyrév		1 (AD)	April 1958	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Nagyrév		2 (AD)	July 1958	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Tiszaug		4 (AD)	July 1958	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Tiszaalpar		6 (AD)	June 1963	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Bokros		2 (AD)	June 1963	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Mártély		4 (AD)	June 1963	György Bodrogközi (1961)
Hármas-Körös				
between Álomzug and Öcsöd bridge		1 (%)	1996	Tóth et al. (1996)
Álomzug		1 (%)	1996	Tóth et al. (1996)
Belső-Tehenes		1 (%)	1996	Tóth et al. (1996)
Özén-zug		1 (%)	1996	Tóth et al. (1996)
west from Gyügger-zug-oxbow		1 (%)	1996	Tóth et al. (1996)
more west from Gyügger-zug-oxbow		1 (%)	1996	Tóth et al. (1996)
Maros				
Bezdin		3 (%)	July 2000	Katalin Margóczy (unpublished)
Semlác		3 (%)	July 2000	Katalin Margóczy (unpublished)
Makó		24 (%)	May 2001	Orsolya Makra (Makra, 2002)
Apátfalva		1 (AD)	May 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Apátfalva		1 (AD)	May 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Makó		1 (AD)	May 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Makó		1 (AD)	May 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Makó-csipkés		1 (AD)	September 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Kiszombor töltésalja		1 (AD)	August 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Ferencszállás pasture		1 (AD)	June 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Ferencszállás clearing		1 (AD)	June 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Maroslele		2 (AD)	May 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Maroslele pasture		1 (AD)	June 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)

Táperét		1 (AD)	June 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Táperét töltésalja		2 (AD)	August 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Táperét töltésalja		2 (AD)	July 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Táperét füzes		1 (AD)	July 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Táperét		1 (AD)	April 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)
Táperét		2 (AD)	May 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth, 1967)

IX.2. *Polygono hydropiperi-Salicetum triandrae*

total number of the stands: 60	lower-Tisza		middle-Tisza		Polgár-Tokaj section		upper-Tisza		Szamos		Körös	Maros		overall K	
number of the coenological relevés: 103 (AD)	K	range of the AD values	K	range of the AD values	K	range of the AD values	K	range of the AD values	K	range of the AD values	K	range of the AD values	K		range of the AD values
canopy layer															
<i>Acer negundo</i>													I	+	I
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>			I	+									I	+	I
<i>Fraxinus</i> sp.											1				I
<i>Populus alba</i>	II	1-2	III	1-2	I	1-3	I	1-2	II	+2			II	+1	II
<i>Populus nigra</i>	IV	+1	IV	+4	I	1	III	+5	II	+3			II	+2	III
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>													I	+2	I
<i>Salix alba</i>	I	1-2	I	1	I	1-2	III	+2			2	II	+		II
<i>Salix elegans</i>							I	4							I
<i>Salix fragilis</i>					I	1			II	+	1				I
<i>Salix purpurea</i>					I										
<i>Salix triandra</i>	V	2-5	IV	1-5	III	1-4	IV	1-5	V	+5	3-4		V	3-5	V
<i>Salix viminalis</i>			I	1-4	II	1-4	II	1-4	IV	+1	1				I
<i>Ulmus minor</i>													I	+	I
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	II	+	I	3											I
shrub layer															
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	I	+	II	+1			I	+	IV	+2	1		III	+2	II
<i>Populus alba</i>			I	3											II
herbaceous layer															
<i>Acer negundo</i>			I	+											I
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>					I	1					+		I	+	I
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>			I	+											I
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	IV	+3	IV	+2			II	+2			1		III	+2	III
<i>Alisma lanceolatum</i>					I										
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>			I	+											I
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>											+				I
<i>Allium cepa</i>	I	+													I
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	I	+	I	+	I	1			II	+					I
<i>Althaea officinalis</i>			I	+					II	+					I
<i>Amaranthus albus</i>			II	+	I	1							I	+	I

<i>Anaranthus crispus</i>			I	+	I	+	I	1										I
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i>	I	+	I	+	I	+	I											I
<i>Anarantus deflexus</i>			I	+														I
<i>Ambrosia artemisifolia</i>																+		I
<i>Ambropogon ischaenium</i>					I													I
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>									I	+								I
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>																+		I
<i>Arctum lappa</i>	I	+	I	+														I
<i>Aristolochia clematidis</i>			II	+							II	+						I
<i>Annoracia macrocarpa</i>	I	+	I	+														I
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>																		I
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>					II		1-2	II	+									I
<i>Artemisia annua</i>								I	+									I
<i>Artemisia scoparia</i>					I		1											I
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>			I	+	II		1-2	III	+								III	+1
<i>Aster amellus</i>	I	+																I
<i>Atriplex hastata</i>	IV	+	II	+														I
<i>Atriplex oblongifolia</i>																		II
<i>Atriplex patula</i>																		I
<i>Atriplex sagittata</i>	I	+																I
<i>Atriplex tatarica</i>	I	+	I	+														I
<i>Avena sativa</i>			I	+														I
<i>Bidens cernuus</i>			I	+														I
<i>Bidens tripartitus</i>	V	+3	IV	+2	IV		1-2	IV	+1		IV	+1					I	+
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	II	+									II	2					V	+3
<i>Bromus sterilis</i>	I	+															I	+
<i>Bryum argenteum</i>								II	+1									I
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	I	+																I
<i>Calanagrostis epigios</i>			II	+1													III	+2
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	IV	+1	III	+1	I		1	II	+2		II	+					IV	+3
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>					II		I											III
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>			I	+												+		I
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>								I	+		II	1						I
<i>Carex brizoides</i>			I	+				II			II	3						I
<i>Carex distans</i>			I	+1														I
<i>Carex hirta</i>	I	+															I	+
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>					I													I

Tiszaszalka		2(AD)	August 1953	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)
Bag (Cergelyiugornya:Bagiszeg)		6(AD)	August 1953	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)
Maros				
Magyarcsanád		1(AD)	June 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Makó		1(AD)	September 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Makó		1(AD)	October 196	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Makó		2 (AD)	September 1966	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Kiszombor		1(AD)	September 1966	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Kiszombor		1(AD)	September 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Ferencszállás		1(AD)	September 1966	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Klárafalva		2(AD)	September 1966	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)
Klárafalva		1(AD)	October 1947	Lajos Timár (Timár 1950/b)
Szeged-Marostorok		4(AD)	October 1947	Lajos Timár (Timár 1950/b)
Körös				
Körös-Kisinyov (Féher-Körös)		1 (AD)	August 1994	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Gyula (Féher-Körös)		1 (AD)	August 1994	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Szamos				
Szamosbecs-sziget		10 (AD)	August 1965	István Fintha (Fintha 1969)
Szamosbecs-palaj		10 (AD)	August 1965	István Fintha (Fintha 1969)
Penyige		1(AD)	July 1953	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)

IX.3 *Salicetum albae-fragilis*

total numbers of the stands: 144 (Tisza= 89, tributaries=55)	from the frontier to Csongrád: willow-poplar gallery forest		from the frontier to Csongrád: navy willow/kubikfüzes		from the frontier to Csongrád: willow-poplar gallery forest		from Csongrád to Szolnok: willow-poplar		from Szigmonád to Szolnok: willow-poplar		from Polgár to Tokaj on the base of Ujvárosi's (1940) 20 relevés		north of Tokaj: willow-poplar gallery forest		north of Tokaj: willow-poplar gallery forest	
	K	average cover (%)	K	average cover (%)	K	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	K	range of the AD values	K	range of the AD values	average cover (%)	K	range of the AD values	K	range of the AD values
Canopy																
<i>Acer campestre</i>															I	+ - 1
<i>Acer negundo</i>	IV	3.388	II	2.222			3.529								I	+ - 1
<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	I	0.544														
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>															I	+ - 1
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>															I	2
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	I	0.018	II	2.778			0.059									
<i>Echinocystis lobata</i>							0.353									
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i>	I	0.088														
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>																
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	V	24.018	V	18.517	II	+ - 2	20.888								I	+ - 1
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica/excelsior</i>															I	+
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>															I	1
<i>Morus alba</i>	II	0.428	II	0.556											I	+ - 1
<i>Morus sp.</i>																
<i>Populus alba</i>	IV	8.684	IV	4.167	II	+	8.588	III	2-4	V	+ 3	III	1-5		II	+ - 3
<i>Populus alba + canescens</i>	II	7.105	II	1.667											I	1-5
<i>Populus canadensis/hybida</i>															I	+
<i>Populus canescens</i>	I	1.439													I	+
<i>Populus nigra</i>	IV	11.458	II	0.278	IV	+ - 1	22.353	III	1-4	V	1	II	1-5		I	+ - 3
<i>Populus tremula</i>																
<i>Quercus robur</i>																
<i>Salix alba</i>	V	16.491	V	46.111	II	2	19.412	V	+ - 5	IV	1-3	III	1-5		I	+ - 2
<i>Salix fragilis</i>															I	+ - 5
<i>Salix purpurea</i>															I	+

<i>Elymus repens</i>	I	0.018	II	0.167	V	+ - 4			IV	+ - 1		I	1		I	+ - 2
<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>															I	+
<i>Epilobium dodonaei</i>															I	+
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>												I	1			
<i>Epilobium montanum</i>												I	1			
<i>Epipactis purpurata</i>												I	1			
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	I	0.004			II	+			IV	+ - 1	IV	+	1	0.1	II	+
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>							I	0.006								
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>															I	+
<i>Erigeron annuus ssp. strigosus</i>												II	1		I	+
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>									II	+						
<i>Eryngium planum</i>									I	+						
<i>Erysimum cheiranthoides</i>												II	1			
<i>Erysimum repandum</i>									I	+						
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>											II	+	I		I	+ - 1
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>															I	+
<i>Euphorbia lucida</i>					IV	+			II	+						
<i>Euphorbia palustris</i>	I	0.002														
<i>Euphorbia platyphyllos</i>													I	1		
<i>Fallopia convolvulus</i>													II	1		
<i>Fallopia dumetorum</i>															I	+
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>															I	+
<i>Festuca gigantea</i>													II	1		
<i>Festuca pratensis</i>															I	+
<i>Festuca rupicola</i>															I	+
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>											II	+	I	1		
<i>Frangula alnus</i>									I	+ - 1						
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. pannonica</i>	I	0.002							II	+ - 5				1.2		
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	V	11.653	V	8.561			V	13.294							I	+ - 1
<i>Galega officinalis</i>															I	1
<i>Galeopsis pubescens</i>															I	+ - 1
<i>Galeopsis speciosa</i>														0.7	I	+
<i>Galeopsis tetrahit</i>															I	+
<i>Galium aparine</i>	II	0.026			II	3									II	+ - 2
<i>Galium mollugo</i>					II	+									I	+
<i>Galium palustre</i>					II	+			II	+	II	1	1		I	+ - 1

	Körösüzug: willow- poplar gallery forest %			Körösüzug: navy willow/kub ikfüzes %			Bodrogüzug: willow- poplar gallery forest AD			Bodrog %			Szamos AD			Körösök AD			Hungarian section of the Maros the Maros % AD			Hungarian section of the Maros the Maros % AD			Romanian section of the Maros the Maros AD		
	K	e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values	K	average e cover (%)	range of the AD values
Canopy																											
Acer campestre																											
Acer negundo	II	4.468		I	3		II	1.333		I	+	III	+	IV	8.677		II	1.818									
Alnus glutinosa										I	+	III	+													I	I
Celtis occidentalis														I	0.023												
Cerasus avium							II	0.200																			
Echinocystis lobata														V	+2	II	0.256										
Fraxinus angustifolia																											
Fraxinus excelsior																											
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	V	26.896		V	16.9		II	0.667		II	+					II	5.586		I	+							
Gleditsia triacanthos																I	0.002										
Humulus lupulus														III	+	I	0.070				II	0.464					
Juglans nigra																			I	+							
Juglans regia																I	0.349										
Morus alba	II	0.075											III	+	III	3.958											
Morus nigra											I	+				I	0.349										
Morus sp.																I	0.542										
Partenocystus inserta											I	+	III	+													
Populus alba				I	2	IV	0.1-5	IV	9.267	II	1 - +			IV	10.814	III	+	IV	14.364	IV	+	+	IV	+	+	+	+
Populus alba + canescens										II	+	+	+														
Populus canadensis/hybrida																I	1.512	III	1-4								
Populus canescens	IV	20.393	III	9.7	I	3										I	8.023										
Populus nigra	II	0.750	II	1.51	III	0.1-4	IV	20.667	IV	+	+	+	+	III	1	III	3.653	II	+	+	V	2.273	II	1-2			

<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	I	0.071																	
<i>Elymus repens</i>	I	0.007	I	0.1											I	2			
<i>Elymus sp.</i>																			
<i>Eriopogon heliophorus</i>																			
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	I	0.075													I	0.002	I	+	
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>															II	0.007	III	+ - 2	II
<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>																			
<i>Eriogon amicus ssp. strigosus</i>																			
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>																			
<i>Eryngium planum</i>																			
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>																			
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>																			
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>																			
<i>Euphorbia lucida</i>	I	0.007																	
<i>Euphorbia palustris</i>																			
<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>	I	0.039																	
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>																			
<i>Festuca gigantea</i>																			
<i>Festuca rupicola</i>																			
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. pannonica</i>																			
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>																			
<i>Funaria officinalis</i>																			
<i>Galega officinalis</i>																			
<i>Galeopsis pubescens</i>																			
<i>Galeopsis speciosa</i>																			
<i>Galinsoga parviflora</i>																			
<i>Galium aparine</i>																			
<i>Galium boreale</i>	I	0.007																	
<i>Galium mollugo</i>																			
<i>Galium palustre</i>																			

Atka, left bank	2 (%)	August 2004	László Körnöcz, Márta Zalatnai, Orsolya Makra (Gallé et al. 2004)
Atka, right bank	7 (%)	September 2004	Katalin Margóczy (Gallé et al. 2004)
Atka, right bank, navvy hole forest	3 (%)	September 2004	Katalin Margóczy (Gallé et al. 2004)
Mártély	5 (%)	September 2001	Katalin Margóczy Gallé (2002b)
Mindszent, left bank	4 (%)	July 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Mindszent, right bank	2 (%)	July 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Csanylelek, navvy hole forest	3 (%)	July 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Szegvár,	10 (%)	September 2001	Katalin Margóczy (Virág 2003)
Szegvár, (navvy hole forest)	5 (%)	September 2001	Katalin Margóczy (Virág 2003)
Csanylelek	2 (%)	July 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Szentes	2 (%)	September 2005	Anikó Bösörmenyi (unpublished)
Köröszug			
Köröszug (gallery forest)	14 (%)	Summer 2000	Aron József Deák (Deák 2001)
Köröszug (navvy hole forest)	9 (%)	Summer 2000	Aron József Deák (Deák 2001)
Köröszug (gallery forest)	15 (%)	October 2004	Aron József Deák (Gallé et al. 2004)
Tisza from Csongád to Szolnok			
Töserdő	10 (AD)	July-September 1977	Katalin Margóczy (Horváth et al 1979)
Tiszaug	1 (AD)	July 1958	György Bodrogyó (unpublished)
Tiszaug	2 (AD)	July 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár 1950)
Martfű	7 (%)	July 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Vezseny	2 (%)	September 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Tószeg	2 (%)	August 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Szandaszőlös	5 (%)	August 2004	Orsolya Makra, Márta Zalatnai (Gallé et al. 2004)
Tisza from Szolnok to Tokaj			
Szolnok	4 (AD)	June 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár 1950)
Szolnok	2 (AD)	June-July 1944	Lajos Timár (Timár 1950)
Tiszalök	1 (AD)	June 1959	György Bodrogyó (unpublished)
Taktabáji	2 (AD)	June 1959	György Bodrogyó (unpublished)
Tisza from Polgár to Tokaj			
Bodrogyug			
Zalkod	20 (AD)	Summer 1953	Miklós Újvárosi (Újvárosi 1940)
Kénélő	1 (AD)	1983	Zoltán Tuba (unpublished)
Bodrogyug	2 (AD)	1990	Zoltán Tuba (unpublished)
Tokaj-Bodrogyug	9 (AD)	1983	Zoltán Tuba (unpublished)
Tisza mente, Gelin erdő	2 (AD)	1983	Zoltán Tuba (unpublished)
	3 (AD)	1983	Zoltán Tuba (unpublished)

Tisza from Tokaj to the north-eastern border			
Timár	1 (AD)	June 1959	György Bodrogekő (unpublished)
Tiszacsernely	10 (%)	October 2005	János Nagy, Orsolya Szirmai, Tibor Szerdahelyi, Dániel Cserhalmi (Gal et al., 2006)
Dombbrád	3 (AD)	July 1966	György Bodrogekő (unpublished)
Tiszavid	1 (AD)	July 1966	György Bodrogekő (unpublished)
Tiszaszalka	1 (AD)	August 1953	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)
Gergelyiugornya: Bagiszeg	6 (AD)	September 1952 and 1953	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)
Vásárosnamény	1 (AD)	August 1995	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Vásárosnamény	1 (AD)	May 1958	György Bodrogekő (unpublished)
Jánd	1 (AD)	September 1952	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)
Jánd	2 (AD)	August 1995	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Kisár	1 (AD)	September 1952	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)
Kisár-Badaló	3 (AD)	1952-53	Tibor Simon (Simon 1952)
Kisár	1 (AD)	May 1958	György Bodrogekő (unpublished)
Bosteny-Ukraina	2 (AD)	August 1995	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Vinogradov-Ukraina	2 (AD)	August 1995	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
River Bodrog			
Sáropatak (south of Bodroghalász)	7 (%)	October 2005	János Nagy, Orsolya Szirmai, Zsolt Ürmös, Tibor Szerdahelyi, Dániel Cserhalmi
Bodroghalász	2 (%)	May 2004	Zoltán Tuba (Gal et al., 2006)
Sáropatak, Ó-Bodrog, backwater	2 (%)	October 2006	János Nagy, Bernadett Gál (Gal et al., 2006)
Sáropatak (old railway bridge)	4(%)	October 2005	János Nagy (unpublished)
River Szamos			
under Kolozsvár	2 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Níma	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Casei	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Beclan	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Salsig	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Benerat	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Gergelyiugornya	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Olesva	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Paulesti	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Beclan	1 (AD)	June 1992	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)
Szamoskér	1 (AD)	October 1952	Tibor Simon (Simon 1957)
Szamosbecs	10 (AD)	August 1965	István Fintha (Fintha 1969)

River Körös				
Háromalmás	1 (AD)	August 1994	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
Békésaba (Gierla)	1 (AD)	August 1994	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
River Maros				
Szeged	1 (AD)	October 1964	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)	
Vetvehát	5 (%)	June 2001	Katalin Margóczy, Orsolya Makra (Gallé 2002/a)	
Vetvehát renewed poplar forest	5 (%)	June 2001	Katalin Margóczy, Orsolya Makra (Gallé 2002/a)	
Tápérét	1 (AD)	September 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)	
Maroslele	3 (AD)	August 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)	
Makó-Landor	4 (%)	June 2005	Orsolya Makra (unpublished)	
Makó-Landor	1 (%)	July 1997	Károly Penszka (Penszka et al 1997)	
Ferencszállás	2 (AD)	September 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)	
Kiszombor	3 (AD)	June-September 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)	
Makó	3 (AD)	May-June 1966	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)	
Makó, Csordajárás	5 (%)	August 2001	Orsolya Makra (Makra 2002)	
Makó, Csordajárás, gallery forest	5 (%)	October 2001	Orsolya Makra (Makra 2002)	
Apátfalva	2 (AD)	October 1965	Mária Tóth (Tóth 1967)	
Apátfalva	1 (%)	2000 and 2001	Károly Penszka (Penszka et al 2001)	
Bökény	5 (%)	August 2001	Orsolya Makra (unpublished)	
Bökény	1 (%)	2000 and 2001	Károly Penszka (Penszka et al 2001)	
Csigai-Szilvás	2 (%)	2000 and 2001	Károly Penszka (Penszka et al 2001)	
Maros, sandbank	1 (%)	November 1997	Károly Penszka (Penszka et al 1997)	
Maros island	1 (%)	November 1997	Károly Penszka (Penszka et al 1997)	
Határsziget	7 (%)	August 2005	Orsolya Makra (unpublished)	
Bezdin, Kispörond	3 (%)	July 2000	Katalin Margóczy (Gallé et al. 2002/b)	
Bezdin, navvy willow	3 (%)	July 2000	Katalin Margóczy (Gallé et al 2002/b)	
Szolesva, willow forest	5 (%)	August 2001	Katalin Margóczy, Orsolya Makra (Gallé 2002/a)	
Mihail, firth of Küküllő	2 (AD)	July 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
between Nyárádtő and Moresi	2 (AD)	August 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
Santimbru	1 (AD)	July 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
between Ratosnya and Lunca Bradului	1 (AD)	August 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
Kutyfalva/Cicu	1 (AD)	August 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
between Ludas and Gheja	2 (AD)	August 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
Iernut	1 (AD)	August 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	
Lechința/ Lekence	1 (AD)	August 1991	Constantin Dragulescu (unpublished)	

X.1 *Paridi quadrifoliae-Alnetum*

	A-D	K
Upper canopy layer (A1)		
<i>Acer negundo</i>	I	I
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	3-4	V
<i>Betula pendula</i>	+	I
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. pannonica</i>	1-3	V
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	+	I
<i>Populus alba</i>	I	I
<i>Populus nigra</i>	+	I
<i>Populus tremula</i>	+	I
<i>Populus × canadensis</i>	I	I
<i>Quercus robur</i>	+1	III
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	+	I
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	I	I
Lower canopy layer (A2)		
<i>Acer negundo</i>	+2	III
<i>Acer tataricum</i>	+	I
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	I	III
<i>Betula pendula</i>	+	I
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	+	II
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. pannonica</i>	+2	V
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	+	II
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	+	I
<i>Populus alba</i>	I	I
<i>Quercus robur</i>	+	I
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	+	II
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	2	III
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	+	I
Shrub layer (B1)		
<i>Acer campestre</i>	+	II
<i>Acer negundo</i>	1-2	III
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	+	II
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	+1	II

<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	+2	V
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	+2	IV
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	+2	IV
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>	+1	III
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	+	II
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> sp. <i>pamonica</i>	1-2	V
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	+	III
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	+	II
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	+	I
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	+1	IV
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	+	I
<i>Populus alba</i>	+	I
<i>Populus tremula</i>	+	I
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>	+	II
<i>Ribes rubrum</i> sp. <i>sylvestre</i>	+	I
<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.	+	I
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	+3	V
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	+	II
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	+2	II
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	+2	III
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	+	I
saplings (B2)		
<i>Acer campestre</i>	+	III
<i>Acer negundo</i>	+	III
<i>Acer tataricum</i>	+	I
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	+	II
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	+	III
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	+	V
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	+	II
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	+	V
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>	+1	V
<i>Euonymus verrucosa</i>	+	I
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	+	III
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> sp. <i>pamonica</i>	+2	V
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	+	I
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	+	V
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	+	I

<i>Morus alba</i>	+	I
<i>Populus alba</i>	+	I
<i>Populus tremula</i>	+	I
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	+	I
<i>Quercus robur</i>	+	III
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>	+	IV
<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>	+	I
<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.	+	I
<i>Rubus caesius</i>	+3	IV
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	+1	IV
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	+	I
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	+	IV
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	+	V
Herbaceous layer (C)		
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	+2	V
<i>Agropyron caninum</i>	+	II
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	+1	III
<i>Alitaria petiolata</i>	+	III
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	5	III
<i>Anemone ranunculoides</i>	+	I
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	+	II
<i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i> ssp. <i>trichosperma</i>	+	I
<i>Arcium lappa</i>	+	I
<i>Arcium minus</i>	+	II
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	+	I
<i>Brachypodium pinnatum</i>	+	I
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	+3	V
<i>Bromus ramosus</i> agg.	+	I
<i>Campanula trachelium</i>	+	III
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>	+	II
<i>Carex remota</i>	+	II
<i>Carex spicata</i>	+	I
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	+1	III
<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	+1	V
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	+	I
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	+2	V
<i>Cirsium canum</i>	+	I

<i>Cirsium rivulare</i>	+	II
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	+	II
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	+1	II
<i>Cruciata glabra</i>	+	I
<i>Cucubalus baccifer</i>	+	V
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	+	I
<i>Dactylis polygama</i>	+	III
<i>Dentaria bulbifera</i>	1	I
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	+	IV
<i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i> s.str.	+	I
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> s.str.	+	II
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	+	I
<i>Epilobium tetragonum</i>	+	I
<i>Epipactis helleborine</i> agg.	+	I
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	+	III
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	+	I
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>	+	III
<i>Fallopia dumetorum</i>	+	II
<i>Festuca gigantea</i>	+	IV
<i>Ficaria verna</i>	+	I
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	+	I
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	+	I
<i>Galeopsis bifida</i>	+	I
<i>Galeopsis pubescens</i>	+	II
<i>Galeopsis speciosa</i>	+1	I
<i>Galium aparine</i>	+2	IV
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	+2	V
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	+1	V
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i> s.str.	+2	IV
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	+	IV
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	+	V
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	+	V
<i>Lathraea squamaria</i>	+	I
<i>Lilium martagon</i>	+	I
<i>Listera ovata</i>	+	II
<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	+	I
<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	+	I

<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	+1	V
<i>Melittis carpatica</i>	+	I
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	+	I
<i>Milium effusum</i>	+1	V
<i>Moehringia trinervia</i>	+	V
<i>Myelis muralis</i>	+	I
<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>	+	I
<i>Poa nemoralis</i>	+	I
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	+	III
<i>Polygonatum latifolium</i>	+2	III
<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	+	III
<i>Pulmonaria mollis</i>	+	I
<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i> s.str.	+1	III
<i>Ranunculus auricomus</i> agg.	+	I
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	+	I
<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>	+	I
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	+	I
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	+	II
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	+2	V
<i>Stellaria media</i>	+	II
<i>Symphytum tuberosum</i> ssp. <i>angustifolium</i>	+	I
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	+	II
<i>Torilis japonica</i> s.str.	+	IV
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	+2	IV
<i>Veratrum album</i>	+	I
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	+	I
<i>Veronica hederifolia</i>	+	II
<i>Veronica officinalis</i>	+	I
<i>Viola cyanea</i>	+	II
<i>Viola mirabilis</i>	+	III
<i>Viola sylvestris</i>	+	III

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Nyírség	10 (AD)		Balázs Kevey (unpublished)

X.2. *Fraxino pannonicae-Ulmetum*

	Kv1		Kv2		Ny1		Ny2		Ny3		Sz1		Sz2		Bg1		Bg2	
	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K
upper canopy layer (A1)																		
<i>Acer campestre</i>			+2	I	+1	III			+3	II	1-2	II			+1	I	+1	I
<i>Acer platanoides</i>									+1	I								
<i>Acer pseudo-platanus</i>			I	I					+1	I								
<i>Acer tataricum</i>					I	I					1	I			+	I		
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>											2	I					+1	I
<i>Betula pendula</i>					I	I			+1	I								
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>					I	I			+	I	1-4	I			+	I		
<i>Cornus avium</i>							+	I	+	I	1-2	I					+1	I
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>					2	I												
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pamonica</i>	+5	V	+4	V	1-5	V	1-4	V	+4	V	I	II	1-2	II	+2	III	+4	IV
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>			I	I														
<i>Hedera helix</i>									+	I								
<i>Juglans nigra</i>			I	I					+	I							+3	I
<i>Larix decidua</i>	I	I																
<i>Loranthus europaeus</i>	I	I	+	I			+	I	+	I			+	II				
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>					I	I												
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	I	I																
<i>Populus alba</i>	I	I	1-3	I	1-2	II	+4	III	+4	III	1-2	I			1-2	I	I	I
<i>Populus nigra</i>									+	I								
<i>Populus tremula</i>					+5	III	+1	I	+1	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
<i>Populus × canescens</i>											1-2	I			2-3	I		
<i>Pyrus pyrastris</i>	+1	I			I	I	I	I			1-2	I			+	I		
<i>Quercus cerris</i>			+1	I					+1	I	I	II			I	II		
<i>Quercus petraea</i> agg.	+5	I	I	I														
<i>Quercus robur</i>	+5	IV	+5	V	1-4	IV	1-4	IV	+4	V	1-5	V	4-5	V	+3	V	1-5	V
<i>Quercus rubra</i>																	+	I
<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>			+1	I			+	I	+2	I	I	I			+1	I		
<i>Salix alba</i>																	+	I
<i>Salix cinerea</i>					I	I												
<i>Salix fragilis</i>					I	I	+1	I	+	I	+	I						

<i>Geranium robertianum</i>		+1	II	+1	IV	I	I	+1	IV	+2	V	+2	II	+	III	+	I	+1	III
<i>Geum urbanum</i>		+1	III	+1	V	I	II	+1	V	+1	V	+2	IV	+	V	+1	IV	+1	V
<i>Gladiolus imbricatus</i>												+1	I						
<i>Glechoma hederacea s.str.</i>		+3	II	+1	III			+	III	+	I	+2	II	+2	V	+2	III	+3	V
<i>Glechoma hirsuta</i>						I	I	+	I										
<i>Glyceria maxima s.str.</i>												+3	I						
<i>Glyceria plicata</i>												1-2	I						
<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i>												I	I						
<i>Gratiola officinalis</i>												I	I						
<i>Gypsophila muralis</i>												I	I						
<i>Helictotrichon pubescens</i>												I	I						
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>						I	II	+	II	+	II	+1	II			I	I	+	
<i>Hesperis sylvestris</i>		+1	I																
<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>												I	I						
<i>Hieracium sabaudum agg.</i>												I	I						
<i>Hieracium umbellatum agg.</i>												+	I			+	I		
<i>Hordeolymus europaeus</i>																			
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>				+	I	I	I	+	II	+	I	1-2	I			+2	I	+1	
<i>Hypericum hirsutum</i>		+1	II									+1	I			+	I	+	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>		+1	I									I	I						
<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>		I	I									1-2	I			+	I	+	
<i>Impatiens noli-tangere</i>											+3	I	1-5	II			+	I	
<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>																+	I		
<i>Inula britannica</i>												1-2	I						
<i>Inula helenium</i>												I	I						
<i>Inula hirta</i>												I	I						
<i>Inula salicina</i>												I	I						
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>						I	I	+	I	+	I	+1	I			+	I	+	
<i>Isopyrum thalictroides</i>						1-2	II				+1	I	I				+	I	
<i>Juncus compressus</i>												1-2	I						
<i>Juncus effusus</i>												+2	I				+	I	
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>												I	I						
<i>Lactuca quercina ssp. quercina</i>								+	III										
<i>Lactuca quercina ssp. sagittata</i>						I	I	+	I			I	I						
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>																		+	
<i>Lamium album</i>								+	I										
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>		I	II	+2	III											+1	I	+1	
																		III	

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	A-D	BkI K	A-D	Bk2 K	A-D	K	TP1 K	A-D	TP2 K	A-D	Lt K	Mv K
upper canopy layer (A1)												
<i>Acer campestre</i>	1-2	II	1-3	II						+2	IV	IV
<i>Acer negundo</i>									I	+1	IV	
<i>Acer platanoides</i>								+5	II			
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	+	I				2	I			+	I	
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	1-2	I										
<i>Cerasus avium</i>	+	I										
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. pannonica</i>	3-5	IV	1-4	III	1-3	1-4	II	V	+4	V	3	V
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	I	I							+2	I		
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>			+2	II	3	I			+2	V		
<i>Juglans nigra</i>			2	I								
<i>Loranthus europaeus</i>			+	II								
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	1-2	I										
<i>Populus alba</i>			+4	III	1-5	II		+2	V	2	II	
<i>Populus nigra</i>					1-5	II						
<i>Populus tremula</i>			+2	II								

<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	2	I																	
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	+4	III	+1	IV	+2	II	1-3	IV											
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	+	I	+2	V			1-2	I	3	I									V
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>			+	III	1	I	1	I											
<i>Vitis sylvestris</i>			+	II															
<i>Vitis vulpina</i>			+1	II															
saplings (B2)																			
<i>Acer campestre</i>	+1	II	+	IV			+	I	+	II									IV
<i>Acer negundo</i>	+	II	+	I			+1	III	+1	III									
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	+1	I					+2	II											
<i>Acer pseudo-platanus</i>	2	I					+	I											
<i>Acer tataricum</i>			+1	III															
<i>Amarpha fruticosa</i>			+	I			1	I	+5	III									II
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>			+	III			1	I											
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>							+	I											
<i>Cerasus avium</i>							+	I											
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>							+2	II											
<i>Cornus mas</i>	+	I																	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>			+1	III	2	I	+2	III											V
<i>Corylus avellana</i>			+	II			+	I											
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>			+	I			+	I											IV
<i>Crataegus oxyacantha</i>			+	II															
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>	+	I	+	IV			+2	II											II
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	+	I	+	III	1	I	+1	II	+	I									
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pammonica</i>	+1	III	+	IV			+3	III	+4	IV									IV
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	+	I	+1	IV				IV	+2	IV									
<i>Hedera helix</i>							+2	IV											IV
<i>Juglans nigra</i>			+	I															
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>			+	I															II
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>			+	I															
<i>Morus alba</i>			+	I	+	I	+	I											
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>			+1	IV			+	I											IV
<i>Populus × canescens</i>																			
<i>Populus alba</i>	+	I	+	III					+1	II									II
<i>Populus tremula</i>			+	I															
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>			+	II															
<i>Quercus robur</i>	+1	II	+	V			+	II	+1	I									

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Kv1: area of the Körös rivers	71 (AD)		Máthé 1936
Kv2: area of the Körös rivers	50 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished)
Ny1: Nyírség	23 (AD)		Soó 1943
Ny2: Western Nyírség	22 (AD)		Kevey & Papp L. (unpublished)
Ny3: Eastern Nyírség	53 (AD)		Kevey, Lendvai & Papp L. (unpublished)
Sz1: Sztatmár plain	45 (AD)		Balázs 1943; Simon 1959; Bodrogköz (unpublished)
Sz2: Sztatmár plain	5 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished)
Bg1: Bereg plain	24 (AD)		Simon 1959; Bodrogköz (unpublished)
Bg2: Bereg plain	36 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished)
Bk1: Bodrogköz	11 (AD)		Tuba (unpublished); Cserhalmi, Czöbel, Gál, Nagy J., Szerdahelyi, Szirmai, Tuba & Ürmös (unpublished)
Bk2: Bodrogköz	10 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished)
TP1: section of the Tisza between Tokaj and Polgár	30 (AD)		Ujvárosi 1940; Bodrogköz (unpublished)
TP2: section of the Tisza between Tokaj and Polgár	22 (AD)		Molnár Zs. 1996
Lt: Lakitelek	23 (AD)		Bodrogköz (unpublished); Horváth & Margóczy 1979; Bancsó 1987
Mv: area of the Maros river	3 (AD)		Margóczy (unpublished)

X. 3 *Circaeo-Carpinetum*

	Kv		Ny1		Ny2		Sz1		Sz2		Bg1		Bg2		Bk1		Bk2	
	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K
Upper canopy layer (A1)																		
<i>Acer campestre</i>																		
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	1	I	1	I	+1	II	1-2	III	2	I			+2	II	2-3	III	+1	I
<i>Acer pseudo-platanus</i>	1	I				I									2-4	II		
<i>Benula pendula</i>																		
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	1-3	II	1-3	V	+5	V	1-5	V	1-4	V	2-4	V	1-4	IV	1-3	IV	3-5	V
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>															2	I		
<i>Cerasus avium</i>			1	II	+2	II	1-2	III			+	I	+1	I				
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>											+	I	1-3	I			+1	II
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. pannonica</i>	+3	IV	1	I	+4	III					+	I	+3	III	3	I	+1	III
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>							1	I							1	I		
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>			1	I	+	I												
<i>Hedera helix</i>	+	I			+	I							+	I				
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	+	I			1	I												
<i>Loranthus europaeus</i>					+	I							+	I				
<i>Populus alba</i>	2	I			+3	I									2	I	1	I
<i>Populus tremula</i>					+2	I	+	I										
<i>Pyrus pyraeaster</i>					+	I	1	I					+	I				
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	2-4	I			+2	I					2	I						
<i>Quercus robur</i>	1-4	V	3	V	+5	V	+5	IV	2-4	V	1-4	V	2-5	V	1-3	II	1-4	V
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	+	I			1	I												
<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>			+1	II	+1	I							+	I	1-2	II	+	I
<i>Sorbus terminalis</i>									+	II								
<i>Tilia cordata</i>			1	I	+3	I									3	I	1-2	III
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>					1	I											+	I
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>			1-2	IV	+3	I							1	I				
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>							1-2	I										
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	+	I			+1	II							+	I	2	I	+	I
<i>Ulmus minor</i>					+	I	1-2	I			+-1	II	+	I	4	I	1	I
<i>Viscum album</i>					+	I												
Lower canopy layer (A2)																		
<i>Acer campestre</i>	+2	III	+3	V	+3	IV			+2	V	+-1	II	+-2	V	2	I	+-2	IV

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<i>Galium aparine</i>	+2	V	+	V	+2	V	1-2	I	+	V	+1	II	+	IV	+2	IV	+	V
<i>Galium mollugo</i>					+	I	I	I							+	I		
<i>Galium odoratum</i>					+4	III	+5	IV	+2	V	+3	V	+3	V	I	I	+1	V
<i>Galium palustre</i>					+	I												
<i>Galium rubioides</i>					+	I												
<i>Galium schultesii</i>							+2	I			+1	I	+	I				
<i>Galium verum</i>							+1	I										
<i>Geranium phaeum</i>							I	I										
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	+	III	+	V	+2	V	1-3	III	+	III	+	I	+	IV	I	I	+	II
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	+1	V	+	V	+	V	+2	IV	+	V	+	II	+	IV	+	II	+1	IV
<i>Gladiolus imbricatus</i>							I	I										
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i> s.str.	+	I	+	V	+	II	1-2	II	+	II			+2	III			+2	V
<i>Glechoma hirsuta</i>					+	I	1-2	I										
<i>Hedera helix</i>							+5	II			+	I						
<i>Hieracium sphondylium</i>							+2	II	+	I	+	I	+	I				
<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i> agg.							I	I										
<i>Hieracium umbellatum</i> agg.							+	I			+	I						
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>					+	I	2	I										
<i>Hypericum hirsutum</i>	+	I			+	I	I	I										
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>							I	II										
<i>Impatiens noli-tangere</i>					+1	I	I	I	+	I			+1	II				
<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>			+2	V														
<i>Inula britannica</i>							2	I										
<i>Isopyrum thalictroides</i>					+1	I	2	I	+	IV	+	I	+3	I				
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>							I	I										
<i>Lactuca quercina</i> ssp. <i>quercina</i>	+	I																
<i>Lactuca quercina</i> ssp. <i>sagittata</i>					+	I												
<i>Lamium album</i>															+	I		
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	+2	II			+	I							+1	II				
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	+	I			+	I									+	I		
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	+	IV	+	III	+	IV	I	III					+	I			+	I
<i>Lathraea squamaria</i>					+	I			+	I	+	I	+	I				
<i>Lathyrus niger</i>							I	III			+	I						
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>							1-2	I										
<i>Lathyrus vernus</i>					+	I	+	I	+	V	+	I	+1	III				
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>							I	I										
<i>Leonurus cardiaca</i>			+	II	+	I												

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locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Kv: area of the Körös rivers	20 (AD)		Kevey 2003; Kevey (unpublished)
Ny1: Western Nyírség	6 (AD)		Kevey, Papp (unpublished)
Ny2: Eastern Nyírség	56 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished); Kevey, Lendvai, Papp L. (unpublished); Kevey, Papp L. (unpublished)
Sz1: Szatmár plain	25 (AD)		Balázs 1943; Simon 1957
Sz2: Szatmár plain	7 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished)
Bg1: Bereg plain	11 (AD)		Simon 1957
Bg2: Bereg plain	32 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished); Papp M., Lesku (unpublished)
Bk1: Bodrogköz	11 (AD)		Tuba (unpublished); Nagy J., Szerdahelyi, Czöbel, Szirmai, Gál, Cserhalmi (unpublished)
Bk2: Bodrogköz	11 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished)

XI.1 Convallario-Quercetum roboris

	A-D	Ny 1		Ny 2		Ny 3		Sz		Bg		Bk		Sv
	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K
Upper canopy layer (A1)														
<i>Acer campestre</i>	1-3	III	+	III	+1	I	1-4	III	2	I				
<i>Acer platanoides</i>					2	I								
<i>Betula pendula</i>	1-4	I												
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	I	I					1	I						
<i>Cerasus avium</i>	I	I	+	V	+1	II	I	II						
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pannonica</i>	I	I											1-4	III
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>						I								
<i>Loranthus europaeus</i>	+	I	+	II	+	I								
<i>Populus alba</i>	I	I			1-2	I							1-3	I
<i>Populus nigra</i>	+	I										I	I	
<i>Populus tremula</i>	I	I												
<i>Populus × canescens</i>	+	I	+	I										
<i>Pyrus pyrastrer</i>	I	I			1	I	1	I			4	V		
<i>Quercus cerris</i>					1	I								
<i>Quercus robur</i>	1-5	V	4-5	V	3-5	V	1-5	V	4	V	I	III	2-5	V
<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>	+	I	+	II	+	II	I	I						
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	+	I	+	I										
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>			+	I										
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	1-4	I	+	I	I	II								
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	I	I					+	I						
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	+	I	+	II	+	I					I	III		
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	1-2	III	+	III			1-2	III						
<i>Viscum album</i>	+	I												
Lower canopy layer (A2)														
<i>Acer campestre</i>					1-4	III			2-3	V			1	II
<i>Acer platanoides</i>					+1	III								
<i>Acer tataricum</i>									1-2	IV			1	I
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>					+2	II								
<i>Cerasus avium</i>					+	II								
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>					+	II								
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pannonica</i>					+	I								

<i>Hedera helix</i>	1	I				+3	I										
<i>Juglans nigra</i>						+	II										
<i>Juglans regia</i>						+	I										
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>				+		1	+2	IV			+		IV				
<i>Padus avium</i>						+	I										
<i>Padus serotina</i>				+		1		III									
<i>Populus alba</i>						+	I										
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>						+	I										
<i>Pyrus pyrastrer</i>						+	I				+		I				
<i>Quercus robur</i>				+		II	+	IV			+		III				
<i>Quercus rubra</i>							+	I			+		I				
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>							+	I									
<i>Ribes rubrum</i>							+	I									
<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>							+	II									
<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.				+			+	II			+		I				
<i>Rosa gallica</i>										I	I						
<i>Rubus caesius</i>	1	II		+2		1	+	II		1	III		1-2	IV	3	V	1 II
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>				+		IV	+	V									
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>							+	III									
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>							+	I							+	III	
<i>Ulmus minor</i>				+		III	+1	V					+	I			
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>				+		1	+	I									
<i>Vitis vulpina</i>															+	II	
Herbaceous layer (C)																	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> s.str.	+	I								1-2	III					1	I
<i>Actaea spicata</i>	+	I		+		I											
<i>Aethusa cynapium</i>	+	I		+		1	+	I								1	I
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	+	I								1	I					1	I
<i>Agropyron caninum</i>	1-2	III		+		III	+1	V		1	II					1-2	III
<i>Agropyron repens</i>										2	I						
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>										1-3	III						
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>																1	I
<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>	+	I														1	I
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	+	I								1-2	III				+	II	I II
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	1	III		+		IV	+	V		1	III		+	II		1	I
<i>Allium oleraceum</i>	1	I															
<i>Allium scorodoprasum</i>	+	I								1	I					1	II

<i>Pulmonaria mollis</i>	1-2	IV			+	I	1	II				1	I
<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i> s.str.							1	II				1-2	II
<i>Pulsatilla pratensis</i> ssp. <i>hungarica</i>	+1	I											
<i>Pyrola rotundifolia</i>	+	I											
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>							1	I					
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>							1	I					
<i>Ranunculus auricomus</i> agg.	+	I					1	I				1	I
<i>Ranunculus polyanthemus</i>	1	I					1	I				1	I
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>							1-2	I					
<i>Ranunculus strigosus</i>							1	II					
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	+	I					2	I				1	I
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	+	I					1	I					
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	+	I											
<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>	+	I			+	I	1-2	III				1	III
<i>Sagina procumbens</i>	+	I											
<i>Salvia glutinosa</i>	1-3	II	+3	V	+3	V							
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	1	I											
<i>Sanbucus ebulus</i>	+	I									+	II	I
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>							1	I					
<i>Saxifraga bulbifera</i>	+	I											
<i>Scabiosa ochroleuca</i>							1	II					
<i>Scilla kladnii</i>	2	I											
<i>Scilla vindobonensis</i>													
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	1	I					1	II		+1	II	1	I
<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>							1	II			+	I	
<i>Scutellaria hastifolia</i>	1	I					1	I					
<i>Sedum maximum</i>	1	I					1	I					
<i>Selinum carvifolia</i>													
<i>Senecio erraticus</i> ssp. <i>barbareaefolius</i>													
<i>Senecio erucifolius</i> ssp. <i>tenuifolius</i>	1	I					1	III				1	I
<i>Senecio integrifolius</i>	1	I											
<i>Senecio jakobea</i>	+	I											
<i>Senecio nemorensis</i> ssp. <i>nemorensis</i>	2	I										1-2	I
<i>Serratula tinctoria</i>	+	I					1	III					
<i>Seseli annuum</i>	+	I											
<i>Silene nutans</i>	1	I					1	I					
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	1	I										1	II

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Ny 1: Nyírség	24 (AD)		Soó 1943
Ny 2: Nyírség	15 (AD)		Horánszky 1998
Ny 3: Nyírség	12 (AD)		Kevey (unpublished).; Kevey & Papp L. (unpublished)
Sz: Szatmár plain	12 (AD)		Balázs 1943
Bg: Bereg plain	5 (AD)		Margóczy & Makra (unpublished)
Bk: Bodrogköz	5 (AD)		Tuba (unpublished)
Sv: area of the Sajó river	22 (AD)		Ujvárosi 1941

XI.2 Galatello-Quercetum roboris

	Tiszántúl		Tiszántúl2		Újszentmargita		Bélmegyer		Körös-valley		altogether	
	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K	A-D	K
Upper canopy layer (A1)												
<i>Acer campestre</i>			1	I			+2	I	1	I	+2	I
<i>Acer tataricum</i>			2	I							2	I
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pannonica</i>			2	I					1-2	II	1-2	I
<i>Juglans nigra</i>									1	I	1	I
<i>Loranthus europaeus</i>							+2	I	+1	I	+2	I
<i>Pyrus pyrastr</i>			1-2	II			1-5	II	1-2	II	1-5	II
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	+3	III	2	I	1-3	II	3-4	I	1	I	+4	II
<i>Quercus petraea</i> agg.	+2	I			+2	I					+2	I
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	+2	I	1	I							+2	I
<i>Quercus robur</i>	2-4	V	2-4	III	2-4	V	1-5	III	1-3	V	1-5	V
<i>Ulmus minor</i>			+	I	+2	I	+3	I			+3	I
Lower canopy layer (A2)												
<i>Acer campestre</i>	+2	II			2	I			+2	III	+2	I
<i>Acer pseudo-platanus</i>									+	I	+	I
<i>Acer tataricum</i>	1-4	IV	+	I	1-4	III					+4	I
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>					1	I	+2	I	1	I	+2	I
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>									+	I	+	I
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pannonica</i>					1	I			+2	III	+2	I
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>					+	I			+	I	+	I
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>					+	I	1-2	I	-	-	+2	I
<i>Pyrus pyrastr</i>	1-2	IV	1-2	I	+2	III			+3	IV	+3	III
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	+3	III	2	I					2	I	+3	I
<i>Quercus petraea</i> agg.	+2	I									+2	I
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	2	I	1	I							1-2	I
<i>Quercus robur</i>			3-5	II					1-3	IV	1-5	II
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>					+	I					+	I
<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>					1	I					1	I
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	+3	II	1	I	2-4	I			+3	III	+4	II
shrub layer (B1)												
<i>Acer campestre</i>	+2	III	+1	II	+1	I	+	I	+1	IV	+2	II
<i>Acer platanoides</i>									+	I	+	I

<i>Acer pseudo-platanus</i>	+2	V	+3	IV	+2	III	+	I	+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Acer tataricum</i>	+	I									+1	I	+3	II
<i>Amgdalus nana</i>													+	I
<i>Bryonia alba</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Cerasus fruticosa</i>	+	I			+	I							+	I
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	+2	I	I	I									+	I
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	+2	V	+3	V	+2	IV	+3	IV	+2	IV	+3	V	+3	V
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>	+	III	+	III	+1	I	+2	II	+	II	+	I	+2	II
<i>Frangula alnus</i>							+1	I	-	I	-	-	+1	I
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> sp. <i>pannonica</i>			+	I	+	I			+3	II	+3	II	+3	I
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	+4	V	1-2	IV	+4	IV	+2	II	+1	II	+1	II	+4	III
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>			+	I									+	I
<i>Padus serotina</i>			+	I									+	I
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	+3	IV	+3	V	+3	III	1-5	IV	+5	V	+5	V	+5	V
<i>Pyrus pyraeaster</i>	2	IV	+1	III	+1	II	+1	I	+2	V	+2	V	+2	IV
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	+1	I	+	I	+	I	+1	I	+	II	+	II	+1	I
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	+2	I											+2	I
<i>Quercus robur</i>	+	I	I	I	+1	I	+	II	+	III	+	III	+1	II
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>	+	II	+	I	+	I			+	II	+	II	+	II
<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.	+1	II	+	III	+1	III	+2	II	+	V	+	V	+2	IV
<i>Rubus caesius</i>					-	-	-	-	+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>					+	I	+2	I	+1	II	+1	II	+2	I
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>									+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>							+	I					+	I
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	+3	II	+2	II	+2	II	+2	II	+2	IV	+2	IV	+3	III
Saplings (B2)														
<i>Acer campestre</i>			+	II	+1	I	+1	II	+1	IV	+1	IV	+1	II
<i>Acer platanoides</i>									+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Acer pseudo-platanus</i>									+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Acer tataricum</i>			+2	IV	+2	V			+	II	+	II	+2	II
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>									+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>			+	I					+	II	+	II	+	I
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>			+1	IV	+	II	+2	II	+	V	+	V	+2	III
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>			+2	IV	+	III	+2	I	+	IV	+	IV	+2	II
<i>Frangula alnus</i>							+	I					+	I

<i>Lithospermum purpureo-coeruleum</i>	+	I	++1	I					2-3	II	++1	III	+3	II
<i>Lotus angustissimus</i>			+	I									+	I
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>					+			I	+2	II	+	I	+2	I
<i>Lucula campestris</i>			+	I									+	I
<i>Lucula multiflora</i>			+	I									+	I
<i>Lycnris flos-cuculi</i>					+			I			+	II	+	I
<i>Lycopus exaltatus</i>											+	III	+	I
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>			+	I					+2	II	+	III	+2	II
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>					+			I					+	I
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Maricaria maritima</i> ssp. <i>inodora</i>						+		I					+	I
<i>Medicago falcata</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Melampyrum cristatum</i>	+	II	+	II	+			I					+	II
<i>Melampyrum nemorosum</i>			2-3	I									2-3	I
<i>Melandrium album</i>			+	I	+			II	+	I	+	III	+	II
<i>Melandrium noctiflorum</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Melandrium viscosum</i>						+		I					+	I
<i>Melica altissima</i>	+1	III	+	I	I			I	+	I	+	I	+1	I
<i>Melica transsylvanica</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Melilotus albus</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Moehringia trinervia</i>			+	I	+2			II			+	I	+	I
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>											+	III	+	I
<i>Myosotis sparsiflora</i>									I	I	+	II	+	I
<i>Myosotis stricta</i>						+		I					+	I
<i>Myosoton aquaticum</i>					+			I			+	I	+	I
<i>Nepeta panonica</i>	+	I											+	I
<i>Odonites vulgaris</i>									+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>											+	I	+	I
<i>Orchis morio</i>					+			I					+	I
<i>Ornithogalum orthophyllum</i>	+	II			+			I					+	I
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>			+	IV							+	III	+	II
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>									+	I	+	I	+	I
<i>Peucedanum alsaticum</i>	+	II	+	II	+			II			+	III	+	III
<i>Peucedanum officinale</i>	+2	III	+	IV	+4			III	+2	II	++1	V	+4	IV

XII.1 *Fraxino pannonicaeae-Alnetum*

total number of the stands: 10	north-eastern border - Tokaj	north-eastern border - Tokaj	Lake -Tisza	Szolnok - southern border	Szolnok - southern border	Kraszna	K
number of the relevés: 10 (AD) + 61 (%)	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	AD	average cover (%)	range of the AD values	AD	K
Upper canopy layer (A1)							
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	41.80	3	4		+ -4	1	III
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pannonica</i>	14.00	4				3	II
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>		1-3					I
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	6.60				+		I
<i>Populus alba</i>			2				I
<i>Salix alba</i>		1	2			1	II
<i>Salix fragilis</i>						1	I
Lower canopy layer (A2)							
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>						2	I
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pannonica</i>		2				1	I
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		1					I
<i>Salix alba</i>		+				1	I
<i>Salix fragilis</i>						1	I
Upper shrub layer (B1)							
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	5.04					+	I
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>			1				I
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	0.004						I
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	0.04	+				+	II
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> ssp. <i>pannonica</i>	2.10	2				+	I
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>		+					I
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	7.00	2					I
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	0.02						I
<i>Quercus robur</i>		+					I
<i>Salix cinerea</i>		1	1		+	2	II
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>						+	I
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	0.30						I
<i>Ulmus minor</i>		+					I

Lower shrub layer (B2)									
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>									I
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	0.20								I
<i>Frangula alnus</i>		+							I
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. pannonica</i>		+							I
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		1							I
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>									I
<i>Quercus robur</i>		+							I
<i>Rubus caesius</i>		+						+	I
<i>Salix cinerea</i>		+							I
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>								+	I
Herbaceous layer (C)									
<i>Acer campestre</i>	0.002								I
<i>Acer negundo</i>						0.53			II
<i>Agrostis alba</i>		+				8.18			I
<i>Agrostis sp.</i>							I		I
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>						0.12		+	II
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>						0.002			I
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	0.04					0.004			II
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>		+2							I
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>						0.02			I
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>						0.35	+		I
<i>Ballota nigra</i>						0.02			I
<i>Bidens tripartitus</i>						1.38	+	+	III
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>					+				I
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	0.42					0.20			I
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>		+			1		1	1	III
<i>Cardamine amara</i>						0.06			I
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>		+							I
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>		2			1			2	II
<i>Carex appropinquata</i>	0.02								I
<i>Carex cuprina</i>								+	I
<i>Carex gracilis</i>		1					2		I
<i>Carex pseudocyperus</i>						1.68			II
<i>Carex riparia</i>	52.00	2						3	II
<i>Carex vesicaria</i>								2	I
<i>Carex vulpina</i>		1							I

<i>Chenopodium polyspermum</i>	0.002								I
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>						0.11			I
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	0.10								I
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>		+1							I
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>						0.002			I
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>						0.04			I
<i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i>		+1							I
<i>Echinocystis lobata</i>						0.04			I
<i>Epilobium lanceolatum</i>		+							I
<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>					+				I
<i>Epilobium tetragonum</i>		+							I
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>				2					I
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>							+1		I
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>						0.52			I
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>						0.41	+1	+	III
<i>Euphorbia palustris</i>		+							I
<i>Fallopia convolvulus</i>	0.20								I
<i>Fallopia dumetorum</i>		+							I
<i>Festuca gigantea</i>	0.02								I
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i>	12.60					1.63			II
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	11.40					0.84			II
<i>Galium aparine</i>	0.004					0.99	2		III
<i>Galium boreale</i>	0.60								I
<i>Galium palustre</i>	0.04	2		1		0.35		1	III
<i>Galium rotundifolium</i>	0.02								I
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>						0.20			II
<i>Geum urbanum</i>						0.12			II
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	10.60				1	4.09			II
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	0.34	2		1				2	II
<i>Hottonia palustris</i>						0.07			I
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	0.02			+					I
<i>Impatiens noli-tangere</i>		1-5						+	I
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>		+				0.06	+1		III
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>						0.002			I
<i>Lapsana communis</i>						0.04			I
<i>Leersia orisoides</i>		+		+		1.69	1		II
<i>Lemna minor</i>		+						+	I

<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	0.26	+	1	3.56	1-2	+	IV
<i>Lycopus exaltatus</i>				0.12			I
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>			1	0.61			II
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>		+		0.06	+	+	II
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	0.002	+	+	0.004	2	+	III
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>				0.02			I
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>				4.42			II
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>			1				I
<i>Miosotis palustris</i>				0.04			I
<i>Moehringia trinervia</i>		2-4					I
moss	0.20						I
<i>Myosoton aquaticum</i>	0.10			1.54	1		III
<i>Oenanthe aquatica</i>	0.004	+				+	II
<i>Peucedanum palustre</i>	0.20						I
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>		+					I
<i>Phragmites australis</i>					+		I
<i>Poa palustris</i>	0.00	+					I
<i>Poa sp.</i>					1		II
<i>Poa trivialis</i>		+		0.33			I
<i>Polygonatum latifolium</i>	0.002						I
<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>		1					I
<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i>		2				1	I
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>			1				I
<i>Polygonum mite</i>				1.24			II
<i>Populus alba</i>			+				I
<i>Ranunculus auricomus</i>		+					I
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	0.002	+	2	0.93			III
<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>				0.02			I
<i>Rubus caesius</i>	1.00	+1	1	0.04			II
<i>Rumex hydrolapathum</i>				0.72			II
<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>				0.01			I
<i>Salix alba</i>			1				I
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>				0.43			I
<i>Schrophularia nodosa</i>				0.04			I
<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>				0.02			I
<i>Sium erectum</i>				0.86			I
<i>Sium latifolium</i>				0.61		+	II

<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	0.02	+	1	1.11	3	1	IV
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>				0.002			I
<i>Solidago gigantea</i>			2				I
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	0.002	+		1.15		1	III
<i>Stachys palustris</i>	1.92	1					I
<i>Stellaria media</i>				0.61			I
<i>Stenactis strigosa</i>				0.97			I
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	3.42	1	+	0.56	+1	1	IV
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>			1				I
<i>Teucrium scoridum</i>						1	I
<i>Thalictrum flavum</i>					+		I
<i>Thelipteris palustris</i>				0.02	4		II
<i>Thypha angustifolia</i>				0.004			I
<i>Torylis japonica</i>				0.43			I
<i>Typha latifolia</i>				0.22		+	II
<i>Ulmus laevis</i>	0.002						I
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	0.21	+		2.63	+1		IV
<i>Urtica kioviensis</i>				0.16	3		II
<i>Urtica urens</i>	0.22						I
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>					1		I
<i>Vitis riparia</i>				0.07			I

locality of the stands	number of the relevés and the sampling methods	date of survey	informants
Tisza from the north-eastern border to Tokaj			
Dámóci-erdő, Dámóc	5 (%)	October 2006	Nagy János et al. (in Gál et al., 2006)
Dusa-hát, Márokpapi	1 (AD)	June 2004	Balázs Kevey (unpublished)
Bockerek-forest, Gelénés	5 (AD)	1950	Tibor Simon (Simon, 1950)
Lake -Tisza			
Abádszalók cession no.: 153	1 (AD)	August 1989	Mihály Vas, Zoltán Tuba (Vas, Tuba 1989)
Tisza from Szolnok to the southern border			
Tőserdő, Tiszaalpár	28 (%)	August 1987	Sándor Bancesó (Bancesó, 1987)
Tőserdő, Tiszaalpár	21 (%)	August 1987	Sándor Bancesó (Bancesó, 1987)
Tőserdő, Tiszaalpár	7 (%)	August 1987	Sándor Bancesó (Bancesó, 1987)
Tiszaalpár	1 (AD)	October 1962	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Tőserdő, Tiszaalpár	1 (AD)	October 1962	György Bodrogközi (unpublished)
Kraszna			
Vadaskerti-erdő, Tiborszállás	1 (AD)	June 2004	Balázs Kevey (unpublished)